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ANNUAL REPORT

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OF

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REPORT.

HARRISBURG, September 30, 1875.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN F. HARTRANFT,

Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania :

SIR :—I have the honor to submit the annual report of the schools for Soldiers' Orphans for the year 1875, as follows :

The number of orphan children under the care of the State on the first day of September, 1875, was 2,695, being a falling off of 273 during the year, and of 965 since 1871, the year in which the highest number at any time in the schools was reached. The number of children admitted into the schools during the year was 519, including some 200 admitted under the acts of 1874 and 1875 in relation to the children of sick and crippled soldiers, and to children born since January 1, 1866.

The system cost the past year \$423,693 76, against a cost last year of \$450,879 49. Of this sum, \$7,000 were expended in preparing, at the several State Normal schools, discharged orphan girls of suitable age and qualifications, for teachers. The whole State expenditure for soldiers' orphans since the inauguration of the system is, as shown by the several annual reports, \$4,438,226 02, and I estimate that for the present and the three succeeding years that the system will remain in operation, \$1,400,000 more, including the amount now appropriated but not expended, will be required. The balance in the State Treasury at the end of the year to the credit of the Department was, after meeting all liabilities, \$71,125 63.

The following is a comprehensive summary of the system :

COMPREHENSIVE SUMMARY.

Number of institutions in which there are soldiers' orphans,	28
Reduction in the number since 1871.....	16
Number of orphans in schools and homes, May 31, 1875..	2,789
Number admitted on order from May 31, 1874, to September 1, 1875.....	519
Number of discharges from May 31, 1874, to September 1, 1875.....	929

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Number of orphans in charge of the State September 1, 1875,	2,695
Number of orders of admission issued since system went into operation.....	8,329
Number of orphans admitted since system went into operation.....	7,858
Number of applications now on file.....	67
Probable number of orphans that will be cared for under the system.....	8,500
Cost of system for the past year.....	\$423,693 76
Whole cost of the system since going into operation as shown by the several annual reports to May 31, 1875....	4,438,226 02
Appropriations made but unexpended.....	400,000 00
Probable amount of future appropriations that will be needed	<u>1,000,000 00</u>

GENERAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT.

This statement shows the exact financial condition of the Department at the end of the school year.

The moneys placed at the disposal of the Department for the year ending May 31, 1875, were as follows:

State appropriation.....	\$440,000 00	
Unexpended balance for 1874.....	53,819 39	
Amount accruing from loans.....	1,000 00	
	<hr/>	\$494,819 39
Expended for education, maintenance and clothing.....	\$404,801 10	
For soldiers' orphans at Normal schools.....	7,000 00	
For out-door relief and by special act for Mrs. Mary A. Ketler.....	1,719 02	
Expenses of Department.....	10,173 64	
	<hr/>	423,693 76
Balance in treasury to the credit of Department.....		<u>71,125 63</u>

As a matter of interest, I append to the foregoing statement a list of the appropriations made by the State and the public donations received for the support of our orphan school system since its first establishment, and also one showing the expenditures of the system as exhibited in the several annual reports.

APPROPRIATIONS.

WHEN MADE.	CHARACTER.	AMOUNT.
March 23, 1865.....	Regular	\$75,000 00
April 11, 1866.....	Regular	300,000 00
April 11, 1867.....	Regular	350,000 00
Feb. 25, 1868.....	Deficit.....	31,069 77
Feb. 25, 1868.....	Deficit.....	141,561 69
April 11, 1868.....	Regular	400,000 00
March 13, 1869.....	Deficit.....	50,000 00
April 14, 1869.....	Damages, Orangeville.....	5,000 00
April 16, 1869.....	Regular	450,000 00
March 31, 1870.....	Deficit.....	44,968 88
March 31, 1870.....	Deficit.....	44,700 00
April 6, 1870.....	Regular	520,000 00
May 27, 1871.....	Damages, Orangeville.....	5,000 00
May 27, 1871.....	Damages, Jacksonville.....	5,000 00
May 27, 1871.....	Regular	520,000 00
April 3, 1872.....	Regular	480,000 00
April 9, 1873.....	Regular	460,000 00
May 14, 1874.....	Regular	440,000 00
April 12, 1875.....	Regular	400,000 00
Amount of appropriations by the State.....		4,722,298 34

DONATIONS.

WHEN MADE.	BY WHOM.	AMOUNT.
May 6, 1864.....	Pennsylvania railroad company.....	\$50,000 00
June 5, 1865.....	Loyal Association of Penn'a, Washington, D. C..	85 06
June 5, 1865.....	A Philadelphia teacher	3 00
Amount of donations		50,088 06
Total amount.....		4,772,386 40

If to this grand sum be added the amounts donated by individuals directly to the schools and homes for the use of the orphans, it would swell the amount many thousands of dollars.

ANNUAL EXPENDITURES.

The amounts expended in support of the Soldiers' Orphan schools as shown by the several reports have been as follows :

From commencement to November 30, 1865.....	\$103,817 66
From December 1, 1865, to November 30, 1866.....	321,270 42
From December 1, 1866, to November 30, 1867.....	435,080 44
From December 1, 1867, to May 31, 1868	236,970 26
From June 1, 1868, to May 31, 1869.....	500,971 62

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From June 1, 1869, to May 31, 1870.....	\$514,126 42
From June 1, 1870, to May 31, 1871.....	509,037 66
From June 1, 1871, to May 31, 1872.....	475,245 47
From June 1, 1872, to May 31, 1873.....	467,132 84
From June 1, 1873, to May 31, 1874.....	450,879 49
From June 1, 1874, to May 31, 1875.....	423,693 76
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	4,438,226 02
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The appropriations made by the Legislature for the four years the orphan schools have been in the hands of the present administration amount to \$1,900,000 00 ; and the expenditures to \$1,816,951 56 ; leaving a balance unexpended of \$83,048 44.

PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS.

ADVANCED SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL.	For quarter ending August 31, 1874.....	For quarter ending November 30, 1874.....	For quarter ending February 28, 1875.....	For quarter ending May 31, 1875.....	Total paid schools for education and maintenance, including clothing, from June 1, 1874, to May 31, 1875.....
1. Andersonburg.....	\$3,938 04	\$3,704 02	\$3,745 40	\$3,712 72	\$15,100 18
2. Bridgewater.....	4,208 95	4,090 29	3,998 75	3,707 04	16,005 03
3. Chester Springs.....	5,683 04	5,821 05	5,993 59	6,064 99	23,562 67
4. Dayton.....	8,080 55	7,895 46	8,032 81	8,087 55	32,096 37
5. Harford.....	5,231 33	5,327 59	5,294 95	5,246 15	21,100 02
6. Industrial School.....	187 50	187 50	187 50	187 50	750 00
7. Lincoln Institution.....	2,889 81	2,916 80	2,747 60	2,766 72	11,320 93
8. Mansfield.....	8,249 72	8,503 45	8,719 03	8,346 40	33,818 60
9. M'Alisterville.....	6,983 88	6,571 36	6,637 73	6,794 90	26,987 87
10. Mercer.....	7,903 67	9,316 34	10,549 35	10,466 73	38,296 09
11. Mt. Joy.....	10,015 30	9,773 32	9,362 42	9,204 48	38,352 52
12. Phillipsburg.....	5,806 96	6,192 54	7,002 48	6,981 29	26,043 27
13. Soldiers' Orphan Institute.....	8,558 80	9,396 67	9,274 13	9,451 93	36,681 53
14. Titusville.....	6,913 73	1,690 63	.....	.....	8,604 36
15. Uniontown.....	4,775 40	4,310 09	4,749 89	4,910 07	18,745 45
16. White Hall.....	8,474 49	8,725 54	8,070 35	7,883 63	33,154 01
	98,018 17	94,422 65	94,365 98	93,812 10	380,618 90

PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS—CONTINUED.
HOMES THAT HAVE RECEIVED NO APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE.

	HOME.	For quarter ending August 31, 1874.....	For quarter ending November 30, 1874.....	For quarter ending February 28, 1875.....	For quarter ending May 31, 1875.....	Total amount paid for the year ending May 31, 1875.....
1.	Catholic Home, Philadelphia.....	\$236 88	\$209 15	\$147 26	\$141 56	\$734 85
2.	Children's Home, York.....	996 88	881 12	863 46	862 49	3,603 95
3.	Church Home, Philadelphia.....	431 25	443 25	460 00	435 31	1,769 81
4.	Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg.....	28 75	.....	.....	.....	28 75
5.	Loydsville Orphan Home, Perry.....	218 75	2,143 93	2,112 15	2,074 71	8,519 54
6.	St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler.....	690 00	676 73	622 92	588 75	2,578 40
7.	St. Vincent's Asylum, Philadelphia.....	57 50	57 50	57 50	57 50	230 00
8.	St. Vincent's College, Westmoreland.....	28 75	28 75	22 04	.....	79 54
9.	Training School for Feeble Minded Children.....	156 25	143 75	143 75	143 75	587 50
		4,845 01	4,584 18	4,429 08	4,301 07	18,162 31

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PAYMENTS MADE TO DIFFERENT INSTITUTIONS—CONTINUED. HOMES THAT HAVE RECEIVED APPROPRIATIONS FROM THE STATE.

	For quarters ending August 31, 1874.....	For quarter ending November 30, 1874.....	For quarter ending February 28, 1875.....	For quarter ending May 31, 1875.....	Total amount paid for the year ending May 31, 1875.....
HOME.					
1. Home for Friendless, Lancaster.....	\$625 00	\$450 00	\$419 71	\$350 82	\$1,845 53
2. Orphans' Farm School, Zellenople.....	25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	100 00
3. Orphans' Home, Germantown.....	100 00	100 00	100 00	100 00	400 00
4. Orphans' Home Rochester.....	125 00	125 00	125 00	100 00	475 00
5. Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf.....	800 00	565 37	487 49	475 00	2,327 86
6. Pittsburgh and Allegheny Orphan Asylum.....	671 47	.....	.....	.....	671 47
7. St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia.....	50 00	50 00	50 00	50 00	200 00
Homes that have received appropriations.....	2,396 47	1,315 37	1,207 20	1,100 82	6,019 86
Homes that have received no appropriations.....	4,845 01	4,584 18	4,429 08	4,304 07	18,162 34
Schools.....	98,018 17	94,422 65	94,365 98	93,812 10	380,618 90
Grand total.....	105,259 65	100,322 20	100,002 26	99,216 99	404,801 10

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CLOTHING ACCOUNT.

The children are all clothed at the schools; but the Superintendent is required to prescribe the kind of clothing furnished them, and to see that they receive the full amount the law contemplates. The following is the account for the year. In the aggregate it will be seen that the schools expended more money for clothing than the amount received for that purpose from the State. The expenditures are all proven by proper vouchers placed on file in the Department :

SCHOOL.	Amount allowed.	Amount expended.
1. Andersonburg.....	\$2,516 69	\$2,522 42
2. Bridgewater.....	2,280 39	2,269 16
3. Chester Springs.....	3,927 12	3,937 15
4. Dayton.....	5,349 40	5,360 97
5. Harford.....	3,516 67	3,550 35
6. Lincoln Institution.....	1,886 82	2,833 55
7. Mansfield.....	5,636 43	5,653 38
8. M'Alisterville.....	4,497 97	4,620 16
9. Mercer.....	6,382 68	6,585 71
10. Mount Joy.....	6,392 08	6,469 93
11. Phillipsburg.....	4,340 36	4,538 19
12. Soldiers' Orphan Institute.....	6,113 59	18,161 59
13. Titusville.....	1,434 06	1,195 88
14. Uniontown.....	3,124 24	3,416 01
15. White Hall.....	5,525 67	5,645 37
	62,924 17	76,759 82

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OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

The law of 1867 requires the Superintendent, in certain cases, to grant out-door relief, not exceeding thirty dollars to each child, to destitute soldiers' orphans. The following is a statement of what has been done under this provision of law during the past year :

No.	Name of child.	Name of trustee.	P. O. address of trustee.	Am't.
1	Gardner, Henry..	Miss Caroline Gardner..	Harrisburg, Pa.....	\$30 00
2	Gardner, Wm. B..	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
3	Benson, Edith N..	Hon. John B. Warfel...	Lancaster, Pa.....	30 00
4	Green, Kate.....	Mrs. E. Connell.....	La Grange, Philadelphia..	30 00
5	Shirk, Elizabeth..	Samuel Adams, Esq....	Williamsport, Pa.....	30 00
6	Boyer, Jacob	D. S. Robinson, Esq....	Saltzburg, Indiana co., Pa.	30 00
7	Boyer, Annie M..	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
8	Douds, Dela J....	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
9	Bricker, Wm. H..	Henry A. Knepley, Esq.	609 N. 37th street, Philada.	30 00
10	Markley, Geo. A..	A. R. Barlow, Esq.....	Port Matilda, Centre co., Pa	30 00
11	Penwell, G. M'C..	Geo. Walters, Esq.....	Shippensburg, Pa.....	30 00
12	Shepley, S. J.....	J. M. Means, Esq.....	do. do.	30 00
13	Young, Mary.....	John M. Leech, Esq....	Saltzburg, Indiana co., Pa.	20 00
14	Kelley, Joseph M.	Rev. D. Harbison.....	Dchmont, Westm'd co Pa..	30 00
15	M'Carr, Clara B..	Wallace DeWitt, Esq....	Harrisburg, Pa.....	30 00
16	Kelley, Newton C.	W. C. Robinson, M. D..	Saltzburg, Indiana co., Pa.	30 00
17	Kelly, Augustus L.	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
18	Humphreys, E. H.	Mrs. R. H. Stubbs.....	Wakefield, Lanc. co., Pa..	30 00
19	Floyd, Julia A....	Lewis M. Clever, Esq..	E. Bethlehem, Wash. co..	2 67
20	M'Giffin, Flor. L..	Hon. A. J. Buffington..	Bentleysville, Wash. co...	8 17
21	M'Giffin, Mary A.	do. do.	do. do.	26 84
22	Hamilton, Clara..	J. C. Rugh, Esq.....	Penn Run, Indiana co., Pa.	30 00
23	Gallagher, Maggie	T. W. Baker, Esq.....	124 N. 7th street, Philada..	30 00
24	Gallagher, Emma	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
25	M'Crory, John G..	Jno. M. Mack, Esq.....	Brush Valley, Ind. co., Pa.	30 00
26	M'Crory, I. I.....	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
27	Garris, Francis S..	Thos. Hart, Esq.....	Clarksburg..... do.....	30 00
28	Sebrang, Debora..	Albert R. Evans, Esq..	Penn Run..... do.....	30 00
29	Sebrang, M. A....	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
30	Cranger, C. A....	O. W. Palmer, Esq.....	LeRaysville, Brad. co. Pa..	8 84
31	Overdorf, Lydia A.	Wm. Overdorf, Esq....	Brush Valley, Ind. co., Pa.	30 00
32	Hysong, Amos L..	Samuel W. Drips, Esq..	Armagh, Indiana co., Pa..	30 00
33	Wolf, Margery....	do. do.	do. do.	22 50
34	Menser, David L..	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
35	Menser, Isaac E..	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
36	Taylor, John H....	Mrs. Ann E. Taylor....	Richardsv'e, Culpe'r co., Va	30 00
37	Cannon, Francis L.	H. J. Olmsted, Esq.....	Coudersport, Potter co., Pa	30 00
38	Fetterman, S. E..	H. R. Tyson, Esq.....	Brush Valley, Ind. co., Pa.	30 00
39	Blair, James B....	Mrs. E. E. Hutter.....	614 Race street, Philada...	30 00
40	Mickerell, S. W..	Josiah Fee, Esq.....	Brush Valley, Ind. co., Pa.	30 00
41	Ford, Annie L....	W. W. Cooper, Esq.....	Christiana, Lanc. co. Pa...	30 00
42	Carter, Henry R..	Mrs. Mary R. Welsh....	1122 Spruce street, Philada.	30 00
43	Martin, Harry W..	Prof. W. R. Ford.....	South School, Pittsburg...	15 00
44	M'Neil, Anna C....	Hon. M. B. Lowry.....	North East, Erie co., Pa...	30 00
45	West, Myrtilla....	L. W. Morgan, Esq.....	Sagamore, Wash. co., Pa...	24 00
46	West, Eliza K....	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
47	White, Wilson W..	John Glass, Esq.....	Salina, Westmorel'd co., Pa	30 00
48	Shroy, Emma.....	John M'Creary, Esq....	Middlet'n, Dauphin co., Pa.	30 00
49	Ream, M. E.....	Thompson M'Crea, Esq.	Brush Valley, Ind. co., Pa.	30 00
50	Ream, John E....	do. do.	do. do.	30 00
51	Patton, Edith E.J.	B. Shoemaker, M. D....	Brownsville, Pa.....	15 00
52	Barker, Chas. S..	Hon. O. Logan.....	Albion, Erie co., Pa.....	15 00
53	Godfrey, Carrie J.	do. do.	do. do.	15 00
54	Joslin, Ellsw'th E.	do. do.	do. do.	15 00
55	Hillyer, Melissa A.	do. do.	do. do.	15 00
56	Hunter, Jas. V. B.	Rev. H. Magill.....	Apollo, Pa.....	15 00
57	M'Williams, R. C.	Wm. I. Sterret, Esq....	Saltzburg, Pa.....	11 00

Special act for Mrs. Mary A. Ketler..... 1,489 02
230 00

Total..... 1,719 02

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EXPENSES OF DEPARTMENT.

By amount appropriated for incidental expenses.....	\$2,750 00
By amount appropriated for salaries for inspectors and clerks..	6,400 00
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Total.....	9,150 00
To amount paid as salaries for inspectors and clerks, \$6,400 00	
To amount paid for postage, telegrams and express-	
age.....	652 33
To amount paid for printing.....	107 75
To amount paid for transferring pupils.....	92 70
To amount paid as funeral expenses.....	280 00
To amount paid as traveling expenses.....	1,300 00
To amount paid for furniture and miscellaneous ex-	
penses	90 86
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	8,923 64
Unexpended balance.....	<hr/>
	226 36
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LIST OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS ADMITTED UNDER ACT OF MARCH 18, 1875.

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NAME OF CHILD.	Guardian or mother.	Post office.	County and State.	School to which admitted.	Date of Order.
1. Graham, Charles H.	Mr. R. Graham	Andersonburg.	Perry county, Pa.	Andersonburg.	April 1, 1875
2. Graham, Clara E.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 1, 1875
3. Symernan, Barbara E.	Mr. D. Symernan	Dry Run.	Franklin county.	do.	April 26, 1875
4. Symernan, Rhuanan V.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 26, 1875
5. Symernan, Mary A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 26, 1875
6. Symernan, Jno. M. C.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 26, 1875
7. Briggs, Nathan	Mrs. R. Durnell	W. Chester	Chester county.	Bridgewater.	April 7, 1875
8. Briggs, John	do.	do.	do.	do.	July 7, 1875
9. McGuigan, Ed.	Mrs. A. McGuigan	16 N. Seventh st.	Philadelphia.	Chester Springs.	March 29, 1875
10. Lewis, John	Mrs. A. Lewis	Pottsville.	Schuylkill county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
11. Zimmerman, Geo	Mrs. B. Zimmerman	Allentown.	Lehigh county.	do.	Sept. 22, 1875
12. Shuck, Daniel	Mr. M. J. Thomas.	Cressona.	Schuylkill county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
13. Large, Francis W.	Mrs. M. E. Large	Sadsburyville	Chester county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
14. Fabian, Alice.	Mrs. Jane Garber.	Patterson.	Montgomery co.	do.	Sept. 16, 1875
15. Bergenstock, Mary A.	Mrs. A. M. Bergenstock.	Allentown.	Lehigh county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
16. Bergenstock, H. T.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
17. Bergenstock, John J.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
18. Bankhart, Geo. H.	Mrs. A. Bankhardt.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
19. Harris, Annie L.	Mrs. C. E. Harris.	Minersville.	Schuylkill county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
20. Harris, Emma S. A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
21. Burns, Geo. G.	Mrs. F. A. Burns.	No. 434 Fifth Av	Pittsburg.	Dayton	Sept. 3, 1875
22. Collins, C. C.	Mr. A. A. Collins.	Green Grove.	Luzerne county.	Harford	Sept. 3, 1875
23. Collins, A. E.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
24. Collins, F. A.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
25. Collins, S. G.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
26. Jacobs, Percival.	Mrs. B. Jacobs.	1902 Chestnut.	Philadelphia	Lincoln	March 18, 1875
27. Jacobs, Roger	do.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
28. Jacobs, Howard.	do.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
29. Hoops, F. T.	Mrs. S. Hoops	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
30. Hoops, John M.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 14, 1875
31. Rayback, E. C.	Mr. J. Rayback.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
32. Jacobs, Francis R.	Mrs. E. A. Jacobs.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
33. Campbell, John.	Mrs. B. Campbell	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
34. Gold, Frank.	Mrs. Kate A. Bristow.	320 N. Eighth st.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
35. Saxton, Oliver.	Mrs. L. Saxton.	2303 Ludlow st.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
36. Saxton, Charles	do.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
37. Larkin, A. J.	Mrs. F. L. Larkin	1902 Chestnut.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875

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NAME OF CHILD.	Guardian or mother.	Post office.	County and State.	Schools to which admitted.	Date of order.
38. Kenworthy, Chas.	Mr. J. R. Kenworthy	1902 Chestnut.	Philadelphia.	Lincoln	Sept. 3, 1875
39. Kenworthy, Jas.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
40. McCullough, J. B.	Mr. J. McCullough.	do.	do.	do.	June 2, 1875
41. Smith, Wm. A.	Mrs. S. Smith.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
42. Forbes, John.	Mrs. A. Forbes.	308 S. Eleventh st.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
43. Waugh, M. E.	J. M. Waugh.	S. E. cor. 57th & Race	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
44. Tricker, Robt. J.	Jennie Tricker.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
45. Tricker, Jas. J.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
46. Allen, Andrew J.	Mr. Joshua B. Allen.	1902 Chestnut.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
47. Keikendall, C. I.	Mrs. S. Keikendall.	Canoe Camp.	Tioga county, Pa.	Mansfield.	Sept. 3, 1875
48. Brizzeo, Eva J.	Mr. Luther Brizzeo.	Aswayo.	Potter county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
49. Brizzeo, Cora E.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
50. Warfel, David.	Hon. D. Hamilton.	Johnstown.	Cambria county.	M'Alisterville	March 18, 1875
51. Jackson, Rebecca.	do.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
52. Jackson, Florence.	do.	do.	do.	do.	March 18, 1875
53. Brehman, E.	Mrs. J. E. Brehman.	do.	do.	do.	June 1, 1875
54. Woodward, P. F.	W. Woodward, Esq.	Lottsville.	Warren county.	Mercer.	April 26, 1875
55. Woodward, Mary E.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 26, 1875
56. Woodward, L. J.	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 26, 1875
57. Woodward, R. P.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
58. Abbott, Grace.	Mrs. M. M. Abbott.	Greenville.	Mercer county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
59. Simpson, Jas. B.	Mrs. H. Simpson.	Nickleville.	Venango county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
60. Simpson, Jane S.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
61. Simpson, G. St. G.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
62. Simpson, P. P.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
63. M'Millin, Jennie.	Mrs. E. R. M'Millin.	Sharpsville.	Mercer county.	do.	April 6, 1875
64. M'Millin, Mary	do.	do.	do.	do.	April 6, 1875
65. Hoffman, E. E.	Mrs. Mary Hoffman.	N. Hamburg.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
66. Pettey, Sumner.	Mrs. A. Potter.	Royalton.	Crawford county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
67. Voorheis, R. A.	A. Voorheis, Esq.	New Vernon.	Mercer county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
68. Young, E. M.	Henry W. Young, Esq.	Mercer.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
69. Young, A. B.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
70. Young, Wm. R.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
71. M'Caslin, Ina M.	W. H. M'Caslin, Esq.	Pulaski.	Lawrence county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
72. M'Caslin, C. B.	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875
73. Minner, Porter W.	Nathan Minner.	Mercer.	Mercer county.	do.	Sept. 3, 1875

74. Bennett, Jeannie.....	Mrs. E. A. Bennett.....	Middleboro'	Erie county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
75. Bennett, Glennie.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
76. Bennett, G. W.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
77. King, George.....	Gottfried Scharble, Esq.,	Freedonia	Mercer county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
78. Slocum, E.....	Mrs. F. Slocum.....	Volant	Lawrence county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
79. Boliver, Frederick.....	Mrs. Jennie Boliver.....	Clark	Mercer county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
80. Boliver, John.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
81. Lotz, Wm. G.....	Mr. John Lotz.....	New Castle	Lawrence county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
82. Lotz, Lillie L.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
83. Lotz, John R.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
84. Patterson, M. E.....	Mrs. M. M. Patterson.....	Lampeter	Lancaster county	Mount Joy	Sept.	3, 1875
85. Knehnor, A. F.....	Mrs. R. Knehnor.....	Kreidersville	Northampton co.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
86. Simon, W. H.....	Mrs. H. Simon.....	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
87. Bowers, F. W.....	Mrs. A. E. Bowers.....	Millersburg	Dauphin county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
88. Harris, Samuel M.....	Mrs. M. A. Harris.....	Columbia	Lancaster county	do.	March	30, 1875
89. Musselman, Thos.....	Mr. Thos. Curry.....	Danville	Montour county	do.	April	17, 1875
90. Musselman, B.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	21, 1875
91. Musselman, F. M.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	21, 1875
92. Musselman, A.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	21, 1875
93. Mowery, David F.....	Mr. John Mowery.....	Columbia	Lancaster county	do.	April	21, 1875
94. Mowery, W. F.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	17, 1875
95. Markley, Ann R.....	Mr. Jos. A. Markley.....	Marietta	do.	do.	April	17, 1875
96. Markley, Suetta.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	26, 1875
97. Jones, Geo. W.....	Mrs. Elizabeth Jones.....	Coffee Run	Huntingdon co.	do.	April	26, 1875
98. Jones, Eliza A.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
99. Bickler, Wm.....	Mr. Peter Bickler.....	N. Germantown	Perry county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
100. Bickler, Norman.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
101. Horn, Charles.....	Mr. Peter Ent.....	Light Street	Columbia county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
102. Hedricks, Charles.....	Mrs. M. J. Hedricks.....	Lancaster	Lancaster county	do.	June	1, 1875
103. Barnes, Mary E.....	Mrs. Mary Barnes.....	Rochester	Beaver county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
104. Barnes, Elvira.....	do.	do.	do.	Phillipsburg	Sept.	3, 1875
105. Barnes, Walter D.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	27, 1875
106. Mangel, M. L.....	Mrs. Susanna Mangel.....	Fourth ward	do.	do.	April	27, 1875
107. Mangel, A. V.....	do.	do.	Allegheny City	do.	April	1, 1875
108. Mangel, S. J.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	1, 1875
109. Mangel, W. C.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	1, 1875
110. Helm, Mary G.....	Mrs. Mary M. Helm.....	182 Second Av.	Pittsburg	do.	April	1, 1875
111. Getsinger, J.....	Mrs. L. O. Getsinger.....	No. 84, Eighth st	South Side, Pittsburg	do.	March	18, 1875
112. Getsinger, C.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	1, 1875
113. Getsinger, C.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	1, 1875
114. Getsinger, R.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	April	1, 1875
115. Doersch, C. A.....	Mrs. C. Doersch.....	Penn Run	Indiana county	do.	Sept.	3, 1875
116. Doersch, L.....	do.	do.	do.	do.	Sept.	3, 1875

LIST OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS ADMITTED UNDER ACT OF MARCH 18, 1875.

NAME OF CHILD.	Guardian or mother.	Post office.	County or State.	School to which admitted.	Date of order.
117. Doersch, L. H.....	Mrs. C. Doersch.....	Penn Run.....	Indiana county.....	Philipsburg.....	Sept. 3, 1875
118. Doersch, C. C.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
119. Coulter, J. A.....	John Coulter.....	Boliver.....	Westmoreland co.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
120. Coulter, W. D.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
121. Coulter, Lilley.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
122. Bader, Leona.....	Mrs. S. Bader.....	German town.....	Philadelphia.....	S. O. Institute.....	March 18, 1875
123. Bader, Leo.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	March 18, 1875
124. Leonard, M. M.....	Mrs. M. Leonard.....	23d & Parish.....	do.....	do.....	April 3, 1875
125. Emmitt, E.....	Mrs. A. Emmitt.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
126. Emmitt, C. G.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
127. Emmitt, L. A.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
128. Hibbs, E. W.....	Mrs. E. Hibbs.....	Fox Chase 23d ward.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
129. Hibbs, Sarah.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
130. Waugh, B. M.....	Mrs. J. M. Waugh.....	S. E. cor 57th & Race.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
131. Guertler, A. E.....	Mrs. R. Guertler.....	Schuylkill Haven.....	Schuylkill county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
132. Anderson, I. M.....	Mrs. H. A. Anderson.....	23d & Parish sts.....	Philadelphia.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
133. Lafferty, Fred.....	Mrs. M. Lafferty.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
134. Kitchen, C. A.....	Mr. J. R. Kitchen.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
135. Kitchen, J. A.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
136. Kitchen, A. M.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
137. Kitchen, W. M.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
138. Foutch, E. H.....	Mrs. M. H. Foutch.....	Bakersville.....	Somerset county.....	Uniontown.....	Sept. 20, 1874
139. Bowser, Fullerton.....	Mrs. J. Johnson.....	Allegheny City.....	Allegheny county.....	do.....	March 18, 1875
140. Allen, Wm. H.....	Mrs. A. Allen.....	Pleasantville.....	Venango county.....	do.....	April 7, 1875
141. Lear, Jno. G.....	Mrs. Marg't. A. Lear.....	Greensburg.....	Westmoreland co.....	do.....	April 6, 1875
142. Lear, Chas. D.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	April 6, 1875
143. Lear, Jos. H.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	April 6, 1875
144. Brown, H. C.....	Mr. H. C. Brown.....	Uniontown.....	Fayette county.....	do.....	May 14, 1875
145. Brown, Walker.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 14, 1875
146. Brown, William.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 14, 1875
147. Leshner, Bessie M.....	Mrs. C. W. Leshner.....	Forks.....	Columbia county.....	White Hall.....	Dec. 1, 1874
148. Lowery, Jas. H.....	Mr. H. Richardson.....	Coffee Run.....	Huntingdon county.....	do.....	March 18, 1875
149. Lowery, Jno. T.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	March 18, 1875
150. Lowery, Sabine.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	March 18, 1875
151. Greenaur, Mary.....	John Greenaur.....	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin county.....	do.....	May 22, 1875
152. Greenaur, William.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 22, 1875
153. Nelson, C. C.....	John Nelson.....	Cessna Station.....	Bedford.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875

154. Nelson, M.....	John Nelson.....	Cossna Station.....	Bedford county.....	White Hall.....	Sept. 3, 1875
155. Nelson, B.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
156. Hoster, Henry.....	Mrs. Mary Hoster.....	Harrisburg.....	Dauphin county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
157. Hoster, Edward.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
158. Weber, Maria.....	Mrs. Sarah A. Weber.....	Duncannon.....	Perry county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
159. Weber, Emaline.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
160. Keiffer, V. C.....	Mrs. H. Keiffer.....	Camp Hill.....	Cumberland county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
161. Keiffer, V. C.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
162. Baker, J. H. E.....	Mrs. M. R. Baker.....	Falling Spring.....	Perry county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
163. Baker, T. E.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
164. Baker, C. E.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
165. Baker, C. E.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
166. Mansperger, Chas.....	Mrs. A. E. Mansperger.....	Mount Wolf.....	York county.....	York.....	Sept. 3, 1875
167. Mansperger, Jesse.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 3, 1875
168. Smith, C. T.....	Mrs. Mary Smith.....	York.....	do.....	do.....	May 3, 1875
169. Smith, C. T.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 3, 1875
170. Smith, Anna.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 3, 1875
171. Burchfield, T. T.....	Mrs. S. S. Burchfield.....	Patterson.....	Juinata county.....	Loysville.....	Sept. 3, 1875
172. Burchfield, M. E.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
173. Fair, Martha.....	Mrs. Mary Fair.....	Sherman's Dale.....	Perry county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
174. Gordon, Mary A.....	Mrs. Caroline Gordon.....	Huntingdon.....	Huntingdon county.....	M'Alisterville.....	Sept. 3, 1875
175. Gordon, Mary A.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
176. Rollings, Wm.....	Herman Rollings, Esq.....	1902 Chestnut street.....	Philadelphia.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 3, 1875
177. Gundaker, Kate.....	Mrs. Caroline Gundaker.....	Launcaster.....	Launcaster county.....	Children's Home.....	June 1, 1875
178. Gundaker, Howard.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	June 1, 1875
179. Farley, Charles.....	Mr. Geo. W. Taylor.....	New Brighton.....	Beaver county.....	Phillipsburg.....	Sept. 3, 1875
180. Bradley, Walter A.....	Mrs. E. Bradley.....	Camden.....	New Jersey.....	S. O. Institute.....	May 27, 1875
181. Bradley, Laura F.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	May 27, 1875
182. McConall, Ellen.....	Mr. W. B. Jones.....	1600 S. 8th street.....	Philadelphia.....	do.....	June 1, 1875
183. Fry, George W.....	Mr. Abraham Fry.....	Mercer.....	Mercer county.....	Mercer.....	May 13, 1875
184. Brown Jas. C.....	Mr. S. M. Brown.....	Millbrook.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
185. Heimer, Chas.....	Mrs. L. Heimer.....	1327 Ft. street.....	Philadelphia.....	S. O. Institute.....	Sept. 3, 1875
186. Walton, Lewis L.....	Miss Mary McHenry.....	1902 Chestnut street.....	do.....	Lincoln.....	Sept. 3, 1875
187. Walton, Wm. B.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
188. Andrews, Wm. B.....	Mrs. N. J. Andrews.....	Fallston.....	Beaver county.....	Phillipsburg.....	Sept. 3, 1875
189. Avery, Emma E.....	Mr. George Avery.....	Ararat.....	Susquehanna co.....	Harford.....	Sept. 3, 1875
190. Avery, Ellis M.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
191. Davis, Mary L.....	Mr. Thomas Davis.....	Russell Hill.....	Wyoming county.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
192. Trumbower, W. L.....	Mrs. H. Ritter.....	Allentown.....	Lehigh county.....	Chester Springs.....	Sept. 3, 1875
193. Ryan, Frank J.....	Mr. Frank Ryan.....	2102 Delhigh street.....	Philadelphia.....	S. O. Institute.....	Sept. 3, 1875
194. Ryan, Ann.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875
195. Hite, Chas. H.....	Mrs. A. Hite.....	Catawissa.....	Columbia county.....	Mount Joy.....	Sept. 3, 1875
196. Hite, Wm. S.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	do.....	Sept. 3, 1875

LIST OF SOLDIERS' ORPHANS—CONTINUED.

NAME OF CHILD.	Guardian or mother.	Post office.	County and State.	School to which admitted.	Date of order.
197. Prosser, Elizabeth	Col. G. L. Brown	Minersville	Schuylkill county ..	S. O. Institute	Sept. 3, 1875
198. Prosser, Willard	do	do	do	do	Sept. 3, 1875
199. Prosser, Joseph	do	do	do	do	Sept. 3, 1875
200. Orr, Robert	S. O. Institute	23d and Parish sts. .	Philadelphia	do	Sept. 3, 1875

The preceding list contains the names, &c., of two hundred soldiers' orphans admitted under the acts of May 15, 1874, and March 18, 1875. This is in addition to the hundred names published in the last report. Some of them are the children of deceased soldiers born since the first day of January, 1866, the day previously fixed as the limit of eligibility, and others are those of children of sick or permanently disabled soldiers, worse off in many instances than if their fathers had been killed in battle or had died in service. I cannot but think the Legislature did a wise thing in opening the door of the schools a little wider to admit these children.

ACCOUNT WITH THE STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

NAME OF PUPIL.	Post Office of Pupil.	Orphan School dis- charged from	Normal School sent to	Date of Entrance.	Date of Leaving.	No. of weeks in school..	Rate char'd per week..	Total am't paid
						W. d.		
1. Houston, Maggie E.....	Porterfield, Venango co., Pa.....	Mercer.....	Edinboro'	August 17, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	45 4	\$3 00	\$136 71
2. Hensley, Melissa E.....	New Vernon, Mercer co., Pa.....	Phillipsburg.....	do	August 18, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	44 1	3 00	131 99
3. Armstrong, Maria.....	Wolf Creek, Mercer co., Pa.....	Mercer.....	do	August 17, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	44 1	3 00	132 42
4. Shaffer, Clara.....	Mercer, Mercer co., Pa.....	do	do	August 17, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	45 4	3 00	136 71
5. Crabbs, Jennie E.....	Nickelsville, Venango co., Pa.....	Titusville.....	do	August 22, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	41 3	3 00	133 25
6. Brown, Estella.....	Sharpsville, Mercer co., Pa.....	Mercer.....	do	August 17, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	41 4	3 00	133 71
7. Davis, Emma.....	Greenville, Mercer co., Pa.....	do	do	August 29, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	40 71	3 00	140 71
8. Stevens, Sylvia A.....	Mercer, Mercer co., Pa.....	do	do	August 29, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	41 3	3 00	140 71
9. Dickard, Velona.....	Centerville, Crawford co., Pa.....	Titusville.....	do	August 22, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	41 3	3 00	124 23
10. Pond, Maggie E.....	Cambridge, Venango co., Pa.....	do	do	August 17, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	40 5	3 00	122 13
11. Randall, Jennie A.....	Pleasantville, Venango co., Pa.....	do	do	March 29, 1875.	July 2, 1875.	12 4	3 00	40 71
12. Elhe, Mary H.....	Smithport, M'Kean co., Pa.....	Dayton.....	do	March 31, 1875.	May 7, 1875.	5 2	3 00	15 86
13. Reese, Edith R.....	Leatherwood, Clarion co., Pa.....	Mercer.....	do	August 25, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	40 6	3 00	122 36
14. Whitman, Sarah J.....	New Lebanon, Mercer co., Pa.....	Dayton.....	do	August 18, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	39 2	3 00	117 84
15. Rogers, Mattie E.....	Warren, Warren co., Pa.....	Mercer.....	do	Sept. 23, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	39 3	3 00	108 70
16. Barr, M. Ella.....	Markle, Westmoreland co., Pa.....	Titusville.....	do	Sept. 23, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	40 2	3 00	120 85
17. Smith, Cora M.....	Edinboro', Erie co., Pa.....	Phillipsburg.....	do	Nov. 20, 1874.	July 2, 1875.	41 6	3 00	125 57
18. Cogan, Alice L.....	Titusville, Forest co., Pa.....	Titusville.....	do	April 5, 1875.	July 2, 1875.	12 4	3 00	37 71
19. Scott, M. E.....	Clarion, Clarion co., Pa.....	do	do	August 21, 1874.	Nov. 20, 1874.	13 1	3 00	39 00
20. McCune, H. M.....	Edinboro', Erie co., Pa.....	Phillipsburg.....	do	August 19, 1874.	Nov. 20, 1874.	13 2	3 00	39 43
21. Brown, Eunice.....	Concord, Erie co., Pa.....	do	do	August 26, 1874.	Nov. 20, 1874.	12 2	3 00	38 86
22. Loree, Hannah A.....	Edinboro', Erie co., Pa.....	Titusville.....	do	Sept. 2, 1874.	Mar. 3, 1875.	23 3	3 00	69 00
23. Warner, Cynthia A.....	Avoca, New York.....	Mansfield.....	do	Sept. 2, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	14 1	3 00	42 00
24. Rodabaugh, Ella.....	Canon, Bradford co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 2, 1874.	Dec. 4, 1874.	14 1	3 00	42 00
25. Newton, Harriet A.....	N. Millford, Susquehanna co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 2, 1874.	Dec. 4, 1874.	14 1	3 00	42 00
26. Fisk, Charlotte V.....	Salisbury, Tioga co., Pa.....	Mansfield.....	do	Sept. 2, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	42 1	3 00	126 00
27. Chamberlain, Ida F.....	Smithfield Summit, Bradford co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 9, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	41 1	3 00	123 00
28. Kishbrough, Maggie.....	Madanoy Plain, Schuylkill co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
29. Selz, Anna M.....	Womelsdorf, Berks co., Pa.....	Womelsdorf.....	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
30. Greasy, Retta J.....	Minerva, Columbia co., Pa.....	Womelsdorf.....	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
31. Snydman, Belle H.....	Lewisburg, Union co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
32. Burke, Sarah E.....	Northumberland, North'd co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
33. Stephens, Rosella.....	Montgomery Station, Lyco'g co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
34. Eutrikes, Kate.....	E. Waterford, Juniata co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
35. Peoples, Lydia E.....	Strauton, Luzerne co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
36. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
37. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
38. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
39. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
40. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
41. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
42. Flata, Mary M.....	West Chester, Chester co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 12, 1874.	July 15, 1875.	40 1	3 00	120 00
43. Patterson, Florida W.....	Petrolia City, Butler co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	June 26, 1875.	39 3	3 00	117 00
44. Johnson, Sarah.....	Bridlesburg, Clarion co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	June 26, 1875.	39 3	3 00	117 00
45. Tannehill, Rebecca J.....	Connellsville, Fayette co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	June 26, 1875.	39 3	3 00	117 00
46. Tannehill, Rebecca J.....	Connellsville, Fayette co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	June 26, 1875.	39 3	3 00	117 00
47. Malone, Mary.....	do.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	June 26, 1875.	39 3	3 00	117 00
48. Cumming, M. A.....	Sagamore, Washington co., Pa.....	do	do	Sept. 21, 1874.	January 18, 1875.	16	3 00	48 00

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Total.

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PAYMENTS TO STATE NORMAL SCHOOLS.

No.	NAME OF SCHOOL.	Date of Paym't on account.	Amount paid.	Date of Paym't in full.	Amount paid.	Total.
1	West Chester	Sept. 9, 1874,	\$42 00	Mar. 12, 1875,	\$42 00	\$84 00
	West Chester	April 3, 1875,	61 50	May 31, 1875,	61 50	123 00
2	Shippensburg	Sept. 19, 1874,	234 00	Mar. 15, 1875,	243 00	477 00
	Shippensburg	May 5, 1875,	198 00	May 13, 1875,	216 00	414 00
3	Bloomsburg	Oct. 22, 1874,	150 00	Dec. 22, 1874,	150 00	300 00
	Bloomsburg	Jan. 23, 1875,	108 00	Mar. 23, 1875,	90 00	198 00
	Bloomsburg	Mar. 30, 1875,	117 00	May 13, 1875,	117 00	234 00
4	Millersville .....	.....	.....	July 9, 1874,	308 29	308 29
	Millersville	Oct. 30, 1874,	429 00	Mar. 3, 1875,	378 00	807 00
	Millersville	May 31, 1875,	130 11	.....	.....	130 11
5	Kutztown	Sept. 5, 1874,	72 00	Dec. 14, 1874,	72 00	144 00
	Kutztown	Feb. 23, 1875,	103 50	May 31, 1875,	121 50	225 00
6	Edinboro'	Sept. 8, 1874,	300 00	Nov. 20, 1874,	358 09	658 09
	Edinboro'	Dec. 14, 1874,	280 00	Mar. 16, 1875,	279 26	559 26
	Edinboro'	April 5, 1875,	390 00	May 31, 1875,	370 25	760 25
7	Mansfield	Oct. 23, 1874,	102 00	Dec. 9, 1874,	105 00	207 00
	Mansfield	Mar. 11, 1875,	132 00	May 31, 1875,	168 00	300 00
8	Sagamore	Oct. 24, 1874,	264 00	Mar. 3, 1875,	246 00	510 00
	Sagamore	April 23, 1875,	280 00	May 31, 1875,	281 00	561 00
			3,493 11			7,000 00
						3,606 89
						7,000 00

The preceding tables furnish in brief an account of the soldiers' orphans in the State Normal Schools preparing to become teachers. The list contains the names of seventy-six young ladies. By the act of 1874 the Legislature declined to continue this bounty to young gentlemen. By contract with the several Normal schools the amount paid per week for each pupil was four dollars, including boarding, tuition and the use of text-books. One dollar per week of this amount was paid out of the common school fund. As a body these young ladies acquitted themselves very creditably, four of them graduating with honor and many others occupying positions in the higher classes of the schools to which they were attached. Nearly all those who attended Normal schools last year are now teaching at fair salaries. Some sixty-five new ones have been admitted for the current year, to be in turn succeeded by the brightest and the best of those that still remain in the orphan schools. Several hundred orphans instructed by the State are now teaching in her common schools, thus repaying an acknowledged debt.

The appropriation granted for the purpose of preparing these orphan girls for teachers was \$7,000. The tables show exactly how the money was expended.

LOANS MADE BY THE STATE.

	Loans.	Refunded.
Chester Springs	\$5,000 00	\$5,000 00
Mercer	5,000 00	5,000 00
Titusville	5,000 00	5,000 00
Harford	3,000 00	3,000 00
Mansfield	3,000 00	3,000 00
	21,000 00	21,000 00

Under an act, approved April 15, 1867, \$21,000 was loaned by the State without interest to the five soldiers' orphan schools above named, which they were to repay at the rate of five per cent. quarterly. The whole sum has now been returned to the treasury and the account settled.

ESTIMATES FOR THE YEAR 1876.

The appropriations which it is estimated will be necessary for the year ending May 31, 1876, are as follows :

For general expenses.....	\$380,000 00
For expenses of Department.....	10,000 00
Amount.....	<u>390,000 00</u>

GENERAL STATEMENTS.

STATEMENT I.—Statistics of Orphan Schools and Homes.

SCHOOLS.

SCHOOL.	COUNTY.	PRINCIPAL.	Orders issued...	Number admitted on order....	Number transferred to.....	Total No. rece'd into school.....	Number transferred from....	Number disch'd on age.....	Number disch'd on order.....	Number died...	NO. IN SCHOOL, MAY 31, 1875.		
											Males.....	Females..	Total both sexes....
1. Andersonburg.....	Perry.....	W. H. Hall.....	225	172	14	186	38	31	12	4	55	46	101
2. Bridgewater.....	Bucks.....	J. Stitzer.....	217	200	28	228	3	83	33	24	43	42	85
3. Chester Springs.....	Chester.....	Mrs. E. H. Moore.....	231	194	332	526	33	245	73	21	112	61	173
4. Dayton.....	Armstrong.....	H. M' Candless.....	393	344	161	505	16	225	47	3	117	97	214
5. Harford.....	Susquehanna.....	H. S. Sweet.....	389	325	125	450	25	224	52	12	83	54	137
6. Industrial School.....	Philadelphia.....	Rt. Rev. J. F. Woods.....	5	3	23	26	4	11	4	2	.....	5	5
7. Lincoln Institution.....	Philadelphia.....	Miss M. M'Henry, Dir's.....	153	136	46	182	16	54	33	4	75	.....	75
8. Mansfield.....	Tioga.....	F. A. Allen.....	367	332	90	422	3	159	36	4	120	100	220
9. M'Alisterville.....	Junata.....	M. R. Beck.....	515	440	212	682	103	273	115	17	89	85	174
10. Mercer.....	Mercer.....	R. R. Wright, Soc'y.....	376	327	92	419	12	99	17	3	150	138	288
11. Mount Joy.....	Lancaster.....	J. Kennedy.....	497	415	272	717	78	238	100	5	162	101	266
12. Philipsburg.....	Beaver.....	Rev. W. G. Taylor.....	412	332	247	579	90	192	99	2	109	87	196
13. Soldiers' Orphan Inst. in connection with Northern Home	Philadelphia.....	Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Pres..	551	503	26	529	86	77	102	5	151	108	259
14. Titusville.....	Crawford.....	G. S. Berry.....	450	387	66	453	157	161	124	11	.....	.....	.....
15. Uniontown.....	Fayette.....	Rev. A. H. Waters.....	317	279	125	404	8	172	81	4	84	55	139
16. White Hall.....	Cumberland.....	J. Dunn.....	386	329	261	590	23	217	122	13	139	76	215
17. Schools discontinued.....	.....	.....	1,784	1,539	330	4,869	1,235	339	272	23	.....	.....	.....
18. Partial relief and other cases..	.....	.....	.....	546	.....	546	.....	494	5	2	22	23	45
			7,251	6,833	2,480	9,343	1,930	3,324	1,327	140	1,541	1,081	2,592

STATEMENT I—CONTINUED.

HOMES.

HOME.	LOCATION.	Orders issued...	Number admitted on order...	Number transferred to.....	Total No. rece'd into school.....	Number transferred from....	Number disch'd on age.....	Number disch'd on order.....	Number died...	NO. IN SCHOOL, MAY 31, 1875		
										Males	Females..	Total both sexes....
1. Catholic Home.....	Philadelphia.....	34	27	2	29	2	11	12	.....	.....	4	4
2. Children's Home	York	98	76	4	80	37	4	5	.....	16	18	34
3. Church Home.....	Philadelphia.....	55	44	11	55	13	12	14	1	.....	15	15
4. Episcopal Church Home.....	Pittsburg.....	49	42	.....	42	33	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....
5. Home for Friendless.....	Lancaster.....	196	167	18	185	145	6	14	6	3	11	14
6. Loysville Orphan Home.....	Perry	266	214	36	250	155	11	11	2	50	21	71
7. Orphans' Farm School.....	Zelienople, Butler co.	4	4	.....	4	1	2	.....	.....	1	.....	1
8. Orphans' Home.....	Germanatown	71	62	11	73	57	1	12	.....	1	2	3
9. Orphans' Home.....	Rochester.....	7	7	.....	7	.....	3	.....	.....	1	3	4
10. Orphans' Home.....	Womelsdorf	122	110	15	125	45	34	25	1	8	12	20
11. P. and A. Orphan Asylum.....	Allegheny	256	222	10	232	190	7	29	6	.....	.....	.....
12. St. John's Orphan Asylum	Philadelphia	59	48	5	53	5	10	29	5	4	.....	4
13. St. Paul's Orphan Home.....	Butler	44	43	6	49	4	11	13	1	14	6	20
14. St. Vincent's Asylum.....	Tacony, Phil'a.....	17	16	.....	16	.....	8	6	.....	1	1	2
15. St. Vincent's College.....	Westmoreland.....	1	1	8	9	3	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16. Training School for Feeble Minded Children,	Delaware.....	6	4	8	12	1	5	1	.....	4	1	5
		1,285	1,087	134	1,221	691	136	175	22	103	94	197
		7,251	6,833	2,480	9,313	1,930	3,324	1,327	140	1,511	1,081	2,592
		8,536	7,920	2,614	10,554	2,621	3,460	1,502	162	1,614	1,175	2,789

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STATEMENT II.

*Showing the probable annual shrinkage of the system until the schools close in
1879.*

Number of children in school May 31, 1875.....	2,789
Probable number who will be in school May 31, 1876.....	2,400
Do .....do .....May 31, 1877.....	1,800
Do .....do .....May 31, 1878.....	1,200
Do .....do .....May 31, 1879.....	600

Under the law as it now stands, all those in the schools on the 31st of May, 1879, must be discharged and the schools be closed. No great hardship can arise by carrying into effect this law.

STATEMENT III.

SHOWING the progress and working of the system from its commencement.

	1865.	1866.	1867.	(6 m.) 1868.	1869.	1870.	1871.	1872.	1873.	1874.	1875.	Total.
Accepted applications received.....	1,848	1,697	1,095	436	687	483	465	398	361	418	507	8,395
Orders issued.....	1,582	1,779	1,736	467	495	562	734	653	446	412	460	8,329
Admissions to school.....	1,242	1,575	630	513	549	544	648	628	527	520	482	7,858
Discharges on order.....	17	57	31	102	100	231	91	224	252	186	191	1,482
Discharges on age.....	.....	48	85	122	263	400	437	462	519	515	592	3,443
Deaths.....	1	7	9	18	24	15	20	23	21	9	15	3,162
Number in school at the close of the year...	1,226	2,681	3,180	3,431	3,631	3,526	3,607	3,527	3,261	3,071	2,788	.....

STATEMENT IV.

SHOWING the whole number of orders issued for the admission of children from each county.

The whole number of accepted applications received to May 31, 1875, was 8,395. Of these, 67 remain on file, as shown by the last table, and the remaining 8,328 have been issued as follows:

Adams, 41; Allegheny, 350; Armstrong, 258; Beaver, 107; Bedford, 118; Berks, 112; Blair, 236; Bradford, 182; Bucks, 64; Butler, 104; Cambria, 119; Cameron, 4; Carbon, 36; Centre, 226; Chester, 151; Clarion, 211; Clearfield, 72; Clinton, 43; Columbia, 95; Crawford, 165; Cumberland, 121; Dauphin, 232; Delaware, 48; Elk, 8; Erie, 71; Fayette, 181; Forest, 10; Franklin, 76; Fulton, 21; Greene, 16; Huntingdon, 169; Indiana, 195; Jefferson, 165; Juniata, 66; Lancaster, 348; Lawrence, 102; Lebanon, 54; Lehigh, 108; Luzerne, 197; Lycoming, 165; Mercer, 173; M'Kean, 31; Mifflin, 106; Monroe, 58; Montgomery, 63; Montour, 81; Northampton, 57; Northumberland, 99; Perry, 189; Philadelphia, 1,086; Pike, 7; Potter, 72; Schuylkill, 137; Snyder, 42; Somerset, 29; Sullivan, 21; Susquehanna, 129; Tioga, 220; Union, 62; Venango, 118; Warren, 53; Washington, 101; Wayne, 51; Westmoreland, 108; Wyoming, 61; York, 128.

STATEMENT V.

SHOWING the denominational parentage of children.

Of 2,789 children actually in school May 31, 1875, the fathers of 2,351 are reported as members of some church, leaving 438 unconnected with church or not reported. Of 2,351 thus reported, there were of Methodist parentage, 919; Lutheran, 328; Presbyterian, 306; United Presbyterian, 21; Baptist, 152; Episcopal, 113; Catholic, 79; German Reformed, 120; Disciple, 27; Church of God, 20; United Brethren, 61; Tunkers, 7; Congregationalist, 2; Albrights, 3; Evangelical, 32; Protestants, (probably not intended to represent any particular denomination) 144; Universalists, 7; Friends, 5; Puritan, 3; Unitarian, 2.

STATEMENTS CONCERNING THE SYSTEM LAST YEAR.

STATEMENT VI.

SHOWING *applications by counties.*

NAMES OF COUNTIES.	On file June 1, 1874.....	Received dur- ing year.....	Issued during year.....	Remaining on file June 1, 1875.....
1. Adams.....		2	2	
2. Allegheny.....	1	26	26	1
3. Armstrong.....		11	11	
4. Beaver.....		6	6	
5. Bedford.....		7	4	3
6. Berks.....	1	3	4	
7. Blair.....		4	4	
8. Bradford.....		27	27	
9. Bucks.....				
10. Butler.....		2	2	
11. Cambria.....		10	6	4
12. Cameron.....				
13. Carbon.....		2	2	
14. Centre.....		1	1	
15. Chester.....		10	9	1
16. Clarion.....		4	4	
17. Clearfield.....		1	1	
18. Clinton.....				
19. Columbia.....		1	1	
20. Crawford.....		8	8	
21. Cumberland.....		6	6	
22. Dauphin.....	4	10	12	2
23. Delaware.....		1	1	
24. Elk.....		1	1	
25. Erie.....		5	4	1
26. Fayette.....		9	9	
27. Forest.....				
28. Franklin.....		6	6	
29. Fulton.....	1	1	2	
30. Greene.....				
31. Huntingdon.....	2	9	9	2
32. Indiana.....		10	5	5
33. Jefferson.....		6	6	
34. Juniata.....				
35. Lancaster.....		20	19	1
36. Lawrence.....		8	8	
37. Lebanon.....		4	4	
38. Lehigh.....		20	16	4
39. Luzerne.....	1	19	16	4
40. Lycoming.....		7	7	
41. Mercer.....	8	28	29	7
42. M'Kean.....		8	8	
43. Mifflin.....		4	4	
44. Monroe.....				
45. Montgomery.....	1	2	3	
46. Montour.....		12	12	
47. Northampton.....		4	2	2
48. Northumberland.....		7	7	
49. Perry.....		6	6	
50. Philadelphia.....	1	89	72	18
51. Pike.....				
52. Potter.....		4	2	2
53. Schuylkill.....		16	14	2

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STATEMENT VI—CONTINUED.

NAMES OF COUNTIES.	On file June 1, 1875.....	Received dur- ing year.....	Issued during year.....	Remaining on file June 1, 1875.....
54. Snyder.....		2	2	
55. Somerset.....		1	1	
56. Sullivan.....		3	3	
57. Susquehanna.....		4	3	1
58. Tioga.....		3	3	
59. Union.....		8	4	4
60. Venango.....		5	5	
61. Warren.....		2		2
62. Washington.....		5	5	
63. Wayne.....		18	17	1
64. Westmoreland.....		1	1	
65. Wyoming.....		8	8	
66. York.....				
Total.....	20	507	460	67

STATEMENT VII.

SHOWING *discharges and deaths.*

SCHOOLS.

SCHOOLS.	Number discharged on order for year ending May 31, 1875,	Number of deaths for year ending May 31, 1875.....
1. Andersonburg.....	19	1
2. Bridgewater.....	18	
3. Chester Springs.....	28	12
4. Dayton.....	46	5
5. Harford.....	27	3
6. Industrial School.....		
7. Lincoln Institution.....	12	5
8. Mansfield.....	40	12
9. M'Alisterville.....	39	9
10. Mercer.....	47	6
11. Mount Joy.....	51	24
12. Phillipsburg.....	31	7
13. Soldiers' Orph. Inst. in connection with Northern Home,	32	9
14. Titusville.....	11	47
15. Uniontown.....	27	17
16. White Hall.....	36	21
17. Partial relief and other cases.....	99	3
	563	181
		14

STATEMENT VII—CONTINUED.

HOMES.

HOMES.	Number discharges on age for year end- ing May 31, 1875...	Number discharges on order for year ending May 31, 1875,	Number of deaths for year ending May 31, 1875.....
1. Catholic Home, Philadelphia	4	1	.....
2. Children's Home, York.....	3	1	.....
3. Church Home, Philadelphia.....	1	.....	.....
4. Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg.....	8	3	1
5. Loysville Orphan Home.....	.....	.....	.....
6. Zelienople Farm School	1	.....	.....
7. Orphans' Home, Germantown.....	1	.....	.....
8. Orphans' Home, Rochester.....	4	1	.....
9. Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf.....	2	.....	.....
10. P. and A. Orphan Asylum.....	.....	.....	.....
11. St. John's Orphan Asylum.....	3	2	.....
12. St. Paul's Orphan Home.....	.....	.....	.....
13. St. Vincent's Asylum.....	1	.....	.....
14. St. Vincent's College.....	1	1	.....
15. Training School for Feeble Minded Children.....	.....	.....	.....
Total homes.....	29	9	1
Total schools.....	563	181	14
	592	190	15

STATEMENT VIII—Continued.

SCHOOLS.	FOURTH GRADE.				FIFTH GRADE.			SIXTH GRADE.			SEVENTH GRADE.			EIGHTH GRADE.			No. in school....
	No. in class.				No. in class.		Total.....	No. in class.		Total.....	No. in class.		Total.....	No. in class.		Total.....	
	A.	B.	C.	D.	A.	B.		A.	B.		A.	B.		A.	B.		
1. Andersonburg.....	22	.....	.....	.....	11	.....	11	8	.....	8	12	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	93
2. Bridgewater.....	11	.....	.....	.....	17	14	31	20	.....	20	8	.....	8	11	8	19	94
3. Chester Springs.....	20	.....	.....	.....	26	9	35	16	23	39	17	.....	17	4	3	7	164
4. Dayton.....	34	26	.....	.....	19	.....	19	12	.....	12	4	.....	4	3	.....	.....	205
5. Harford.....	21	21	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	132
6. Industrial School.....	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
7. Lincoln Institution.....	15	18	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	51
8. Mansfield.....	18	25	.....	.....	27	.....	27	5	.....	5	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	210
9. M'Alisterville.....	18	19	.....	.....	12	.....	12	14	.....	14	7	.....	7	5	.....	.....	164
10. Mercer.....	35	.....	.....	.....	22	.....	22	20	.....	20	4	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	286
11. Mount Joy.....	21	21	.....	.....	11	14	25	11	.....	11	10	.....	10	5	.....	.....	261
12. Phillipsburg.....	32	21	.....	.....	13	18	31	18	.....	18	14	.....	14	12	.....	.....	187
13. Soldiers' Orph. Inst'te,	18	12	8	10	16	19	35	17	.....	17	18	16	34	.....	.....	.....	249
14. Uniontown.....	22	12	15	.....	17	15	32	9	.....	9	.....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	145
15. White Hall.....	15	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	14	17	.....	17	13	.....	13	7	.....	.....	207
Totals for schools.....	305	175	23	10	205	89	294	167	23	190	111	21	132	50	11	61	2,453

STATEMENT VIII—CONTINUED.

SHOWING number of teachers in each home; number of pupils in each class and grade, and whole number of pupils in each home at the annual examination at the close of the year, July, 1875.

HOMES.	TEACHERS.			1st GRADE.			2d GRADE.			3d GRADE.			4th GRADE.			5th GRADE.			6th GRADE.			7th GRADE.			8th GRADE.			Total in home...
	Males.....	Females ..	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.	Total.....	No. in class.	A.		
1. Catholic Home.....	3	2	2	.....	3	3	.....	13	13	2	8	8	2	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	
2. Children's Home, York.....	1	.....	.....	.....	1	1	.....	9	9	3	3	3	2	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	
3. Church Home, Angora.....	2	.....	.....	.....	2	2	.....	3	3	6	6	6	4	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	
4. Home for Friendless, Lancaster.....	2	.....	.....	.....	17	17	.....	4	4	2	2	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	16	
5. Educational Home, Philadel'a.....	2	.....	.....	.....	6	6	.....	11	11	12	12	12	17	17	17	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	24	
6. Leysvills Orphan Home.....	1	1	2	2	2	.....	7	7	.....	2	2	2	2	2	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	65
7. Orphans' Home, Rochester.....	1	.....	.....	.....	7	7	.....	3	3	5	5	5	3	3	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	
8. Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf.....	2	.....	.....	.....	4	4	.....	10	10	8	8	8	7	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18	
9. St. John's Orphan Asylum, Phil'a.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	4	.....	10	10	8	8	8	7	7	7	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
10. St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	2	2	2	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	33	
11. St. Vincent's Asylum, Tacony.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	
12. Zellenopole Farm School.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	
Totals for homes.....	4	13	17	11	11	40	40	40	55	55	55	51	51	51	41	41	41	13	13	13	2	2	2	2	2	2	215	

In connection with the table given above, it may be well to present the course of study as now prescribed for the soldiers' orphan schools. The extent to which the several branches are to be taught in the different grades is left to the discretion of the teachers. Advancement will be measured more by *thoroughness* than by *amount*.

COURSE OF STUDY.

First Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing and drawing on slates, oral exercises in numbers, object lessons.

Second Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing and drawing on slates, mental arithmetic, four fundamental rules of written arithmetic, object lessons.

Third Grade.—Spelling, reading, writing, drawing, mental and written arithmetic, geography and object lessons.

Fourth Grade.—Same as for third grade.

Fifth Grade.—Same as for fourth grade, with the addition of grammar.

Sixth Grade.—Same as for fifth grade, with the addition of history of United States.

Seventh Grade.—Spelling, reading, book-keeping, elementary algebra, geography, grammar, history of United States, physiology.

Eighth Grade.—Reading, algebra or geometry, grammar, Constitution of United States, natural philosophy of the elements of the natural sciences generally.

Vocal music, declamation, composition and instruction in morals and manners are continued throughout the whole course.

The studies of the course are frequently reviewed as the pupils proceed. Bible classes and Sunday schools have been organized in all the schools, but sectarian instruction is carefully avoided, except where the children are all of one denomination.

In the form of object lessons a large amount of general information is imparted and valuable instruction given in the elements of the different sciences that can be illustrated with objects.

REPORTS OF INSPECTORS.

Details concerning the condition and working of the orphan schools for the past year will be found in the reports of the inspectors.

REPORTS OF THE PRINCIPALS.

Each principal reports the condition, work and prospects of his own school. Those who desire to know fully what our orphan school system is and what it is doing should read carefully these reports.

LIST OF "SIXTEENERS" FOR 1875.

A list of the orphans discharged during the past year at the age of sixteen will be found at the proper place. A pretty full statement is also made

as to their present occupation. Over 5,000 orphans who have been under the care of the State are now working their own way in the world and it is a most encouraging fact that there are very few who are not doing well. The mass of them have been taken from homes of destitution and the most unpromising surroundings and placed in a position to become good citizens and useful members of society. "By their fruits ye shall know them."

INSTITUTIONS CLOSED.

In 1871 there were forty-four institutions in which there were soldiers' orphans. The policy of a gradual reduction of the number was adopted at that time and has been continued ever since. The number of such institutions is now twenty-eight, and preparation is being made for a still further reduction. In the fifteen principal institutions there are now concentrated all the children except 131.

TITUSVILLE.

Soon after the opening of the school at Titusville, in September last, a portion of the buildings was destroyed by fire. The children were immediately sent to their homes to await the erection of new buildings or a transfer to other schools. The proprietor of the Titusville school was unwilling to go to the expense of erecting new buildings unless he could be guaranteed a certain number of children in addition to those then at school, and this guarantee the Superintendent could not give, and therefore the school was closed and the children placed in other schools as convenient to their homes as practicable.

HISTORY OF THE ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

Col. James L. Paul, for the past seven years Chief Clerk of the Orphan School Department, has in press a history of the orphan school system of Pennsylvania. Col. Paul has enjoyed abundant opportunity to obtain materials for such a history, and there can be no doubt of his making it full and accurate. It will contain the portraits of the Governors who have had most to do with it and of the several Superintendents, and be illustrated by cuts of the principal orphan school buildings. As the record of one of the noblest undertakings of which any nation can boast, it should receive encouragement from all patriotic citizens.

ORPHANS AT THE CENTENNIAL.

If proper opportunity be afforded, it is thought that it might be well to take, on some suitable day, during the centennial exposition, all the orphan children remaining in school to Philadelphia in a body. In no other way can the good work that has been done be shown to so much advantage. But if such a project should be deemed inadvisable, the department will endeavor to make such an exhibit of the history of the system, its records

and forms, as will convey to strangers some conception of what has been done for the destitute little ones of our dead and crippled soldiers.

CONCLUSION.

In less than four years, if the present laws remain unrepealed, the last soldiers' orphan will be discharged and the last school closed. It will then be seen that about 8,500 soldiers' orphans have been gathered up from homes of poverty in every school district, and at a cost of \$6,000,000 have been fed, clothed, instructed and sent forth with reasonable preparation for usefulness and fair prospects of success in life. In the accomplishment of this task it is considered a high honor to have been an humble instrument in the service of a noble Commonwealth.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

REPORTS OF THE INSPECTORS.

REPORT OF REV. C. CORNFORTH.

J. P. WICKERSHAM, LL. D.,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools :

SIR :—I herewith submit my annual report of the Soldiers' Orphan schools of Pennsylvania :

1. *General Statements.*—The whole number of institutions receiving soldiers' orphans is twenty-nine. Thirteen of these are State Soldiers' Orphan schools, that is, schools founded for and receiving soldiers' orphans only, or the children of disabled soldiers. The remaining sixteen institutions are homes, that is, charitable establishments for friendless children, supported by private donations, and receiving pay from the State for the children of deceased and disabled soldiers admitted. In the thirteen State schools there were in May 31, 1875, 2,592 pupils. In the sixteen charitable institutions there were, at the same date, 197 pupils supported by the State, making in all 2,789. The whole number of persons then employed in the State schools was 213, sixty-eight of whom were engaged in teaching, there being twenty-three male and thirty-nine female teachers. If there be added to these figures fifteen, as the additional number employed in the charitable institutions in consequence of the 197 soldiers' children in them, it would make the whole number of persons directly engaged in caring for the children of deceased and disabled soldiers at the several institutions 228, of whom seventy-three were teachers.

2. *Schools Discontinued.*—One school was closed during the year. A fire destroyed a portion of the buildings of the Titusville school in the month of September, 1874, necessitating its disbandment. The children of the abandoned school were sent to the schools at Mansfield, Mercer, Dayton, Uniontown and Phillipsburg. The large and unexpected additions to some of these schools, after the school year had begun, tended to disorganize and retard progress for a time, but by energy and perseverance, on the part of principals and their assistants, difficulties were soon overcome, and the year with these schools ended with satisfactory results.

3. *Health.*—The health of the schools, as a whole, has been good. At the M'Alisterville school, however, fever prevailed among both pupils and employees to an alarming extent during the past winter. The institution was for a number of weeks converted into a hospital ; work in the school-

rooms was interrupted, the well giving their whole time and strength to the sick. In this work a number of mothers of the pupils assisted and proved themselves excellent nurses. The whole number afflicted was eighty-one. A large majority were comparatively light cases, a few were very severe. The number of deaths, considering the nature of the fever and the large number affected, were few. Two orphans and one teacher were all that died. It is but just to add that the disease prevailed in the neighborhood before it made its appearance in the school. In no other school was there any unusual sickness.

4. *Clothing*.—The schools with one or two exceptions have been satisfactorily clothed. The cases of remissness were made known to you through the reports of the inspectors, and measures taken to remedy the evil. Most of the principals display judgment and good taste, and exercise forethought, in providing clothing for their schools, and take commendable pride in the neat and comfortable appearance of the children. It is a pity, and a shame, and a sin, that any who have charge of our soldiers' orphans are so void of humanity and self-respect, as not to provide *in season* suitable clothing for the comfort of the children committed to their care. No valid excuse is possible for such neglect.

5. *Food*.—The tables were supplied about as in previous years. The food was plain, with few varieties, but generally wholesome and abundant. The bread in the main was very good. In a few instances I found it sour and "sad." Butter is more generally used than formerly. Good butter is healthful and agreeable; condemned butter is baneful and offensive, and not tolerated by the laws of decency. Good cooking has as much to do towards rendering food palatable and wholesome as wise catering. This fact is not always recognized and acted upon. The stomach is at the very foundation of the human structure, composed of body and mind inseparably blended, and is worthy of, and should receive the first care of those who are the appointed guardians of youth.

6. *Education*.—No year in the history of the Soldiers' Orphan schools has produced better educational results, than the one just closed. Some of the best teachers in the State are found in these institutions. The regular attendance of the pupils is invariably secured. No excuse for absence is valid but sickness. Teachers are changed less frequently than is generally the case in other schools. The school year is over ten months. All the circumstances are favorable. No schools perhaps in the State make the same degree of progress. Individual pupils in other schools may do as well as the best in the Soldiers' Orphan schools; but taken *as a whole*, it is doubtful if a like degree of advancement can elsewhere be found.

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8. *Discipline.*—The government of the schools is, as a whole, kind and parental. Good discipline is not secured by moroseness, or distant and cold reserve, or by incessantly preaching pretty maxims, or by formal and stereotyped expressions of love which deceive no one, but by firmness tempered with genuine kindness. When children, who are quick discerners of the heart, believe themselves to be in the care of those who truly desire their welfare, they do not resent correction and are benefited by it. But when the opposite is the case, punishment only serves to arouse their baser passions, and they yield only when overcome by brute force. The might of gentleness is great and results in an obedience which is a joy and gladness. The most solemn, still, seared, precise, formal, stiff and machine-like children are not the best disciplined children. A good disciplinarian preserves order amid much allowed freedom, while a weak disciplinarian represses even harmless acts, lest control pass from his feeble grasp. The exercise of over-discipline is not only cruel, but also destructive to the individuality of children. The pupils of a school should not look, move, speak and think just alike. It is an evil omen when a school reminds one of a bag of bullets that are all cast in the same mould. When this is the case, the order of nature, which is variety, has been annihilated, and irreparable injury done.

I will repeat with slight modifications, what was said in my report one year ago. "As a general thing, the discipline of the schools is satisfactory, and the children are buoyant, blithe and happy. Yet, in this regard they are not uniform. Professional philanthropists, in order to hide their greed for gain, may make loud and constant proclamation of their self-sacrificing love, (*charity vaunteth not itself,*) and yet not possess one drop of the genuine 'milk of human kindness.' When such is the case, there are faces which wear a smile-like expression; funeral stillness reigns; children, even at their play, seem to be under constraint; they are coy in the presence of visitors, seldom looking them in the face, and refusing to enter into conversation as if afraid. This conduct is the result of tyranny.

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Where parental government prevails, children converse freely with visitors, and they in turn are invited by principals to mingle at pleasure with the members of their school."

Above all things, the person who has control of defenceless orphans should be capable of self-control. No man whose natural excitability is, by common consent, accepted as an excuse for conduct which otherwise would be unbearable, should be permitted to take charge of the orphans of our fallen comrades. It is a pity that any man who, in many respects is estimable and useful, should by hasty and uncontrollable anger, make himself an object of contempt and ridicule. "Charity is not easily provoked," but that which is the opposite of charity acts the part of a madcap upon the slightest or even an imaginary provocation. From the dominion of such may our soldiers' orphans be delivered.

9. *Christianity*.—The children in the schools are taught to regard the Bible as God's revelation to man. From its sacred pages lessons are daily read and the great truths and moral precepts found there are constantly inculcated. On Sundays the children attend divine service at the churches in the vicinity of the schools, when they are so located as to make it practicable; while, at the schools that are remote from any church, religious instruction is given in the main school room, by the principal or some minister of the gospel. There is a Sunday school organization in connection with every Soldiers' Orphan school. The International series of lessons is very generally used, the children being supplied with "lesson leaves."

10. *Annual examinations*.—These are becoming more and more occasions of interest. Those conducted by me showed that a good year's work had been done by both teachers and pupils. Between the different schools an emulation exists which is beneficial. Visitors were almost invariably pleased with the degree of progress the orphans had made in their studies. In but one instance did I discover any disposition on the part of principals to confine the exercises to lessons which had been specially prepared for the occasion.

I am under special obligations, for valuable assistance rendered in the examinations, to the following named gentlemen: Wm. H. Shelly, Superintendent of York borough; Silas Wright, Superintendent of Perry county; S. A. Baer, Superintendent of Berks county; Wm. B. Bodenhorn, Superintendent of Lebanon county; William C. Tilden, Superintendent of Susquehanna county; J. M. Dight, Superintendent of Mercer county; Benjamin Franklin, Superintendent of Beaver county; William H. Cooke, Superintendent of Fayette county, and A. D. Glenn, Superintendent of Armstrong county.

I would also record my grateful acknowledgements to the many friends of the soldiers' orphans throughout the State, who so cheerfully responded

to the invitation to attend the annual examinations, and thank them for their presence and for their many words of commendation and encouragement. These occasions in which so much kindly feeling and generous sentiment found utterance, will ever be remembered with pleasure.

C. CORNFORTH,

Inspector and Examiner.

REPORT OF MRS. E. W. HUTTER.

TO HON. J. P. WICKERSHAM, LL. D., *General Superintendent of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphan Schools of the State of Pennsylvania :*

DEAR SIR:—In presenting to you this report of my last year's official labors in the work of visiting and examining the schools of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans, a high sense of gratitude constrains me to acknowledge the great goodness of God in having continued to our institutions His paternal guardianship during another year. In France, and in sections of our own land, the swift-coming flood has swept away the homes and hopes of vast multitudes in one brief hour; the tornado and the grasshopper have desolated some parts of the fertile west, but we, here in Pennsylvania have been spared. The destroying enemy has not come nigh unto any of *our* schools or homes. And, with a single exception, the M'Alisterville school, not any of them have been assailed by dangerous epidemical diseases. They have been preserved from all "moving accidents by field and flood," from the "pestilence that walketh in darkness," and from "the destruction that wasteth at noonday." For all these mercies we owe thanks unto the Lord, for "He is the giver of every good and perfect gift."

In addition to these strictly providential mercies our institutions rejoice, also, in the continued good will of the people of the State and of their representatives. This is evidenced by the continued and liberal appropriations annually made by the General Assembly to their support. The noble system of Soldiers' Orphan schools in the State of Pennsylvania, is no longer simply an *experiment of expediency*, but a substantial and well founded structure, symmetrical in all its parts, and tested and approved, the glory of our Commonwealth, and the broadest charity ever known to the civilized world. May we not say that these schools are enthroned in the very *hearts* of the people in whose behalf the fathers of these orphaned children sacrificed their lives? So long as this high trust is faithfully administered we may feel assured that the necessary support will be cheerfully granted.

Work.—Often of late, as I have travelled over this State, from east to west, and from north to south, as well as traversed other States, visiting

the different charitable institutions which abound, the question has again and again arisen in my mind whether *charitable* institutions, so called, where the inmates are not taught to pursue some useful occupation, are really productive of good or of evil. When our first parents fell from their primeval estate of innocence and happiness, to them still was granted the "sacrament of labor." It is true the holy ordinance of *work* was no longer the fragrant, joyous task of dressing the garden of Eden, but amid sweat and thorns they received the blessing of God—appointed labor. We believe that each individual, born into this sin-blasted world has some task allotted and happy he who performs it well. "An idle brain is the devil's workshop," but "in all labor there is profit." We do not believe in the "divine right of kings," but we do believe in the divine right of work. Says the Apostle Paul in his epistle to the Thessalonians: "That ye study to be quiet and to do your own business, and to work with your own hands as we commanded you; that ye may walk honestly toward them that are without, and that ye may have lack of nothing."

"The habit of self-support creates self-reliance, self-respect, self-restraint, prudence and judgment." Direct contact with nature's laws, which is the result of all labor, makes men and women thoughtful; it teaches them to think for themselves. Habits of thought and of observation extends the circle of knowledge. Dealing with other men, in different business transactions, sharpens the wits and also stimulates the ambition, latent in nearly every young person, till called out into healthy action, if directed into proper channels. "All join to guard what each desires to gain!" Each strives to do his best when he feels the reward is sure for the industrious aspirant.

"Now, all self-supporting men and women are laborers." It matters not whether the labor be of the hand or of the head. Do you ask me, "where then is the dignity of labor?" I reply, is there no dignity in the work that has gone on in this land of ours during the last century? Is there no dignity in our free institutions? In our glorious government, where all men are born equal? Is there no dignity in our rail-splitting Lincoln, who successfully filled the presidential chair? And, another, Vice President Wilson, a son of the brave "old Bay State," was a *poor* boy and *worked* up his way slowly, but with a private character of such honor that it stands unimpeached even amid his political opponents.

I will add that too much spending money is a curse to any boy or girl. He, who now fills the second place in the gift of the nation, *never had till he was twenty-one years of age, pocket money in a larger amount than three cents, at one time!*

I would speak in this connection, of our schools where we do teach all the children to *work!*

We endeavor to make habits of industry and economy grow with their growth, and strengthen with their strength.

“Man is a bundle of habits,” says some one, and if the youth of this free land are a bundle of good industrious habits, we will be saved millions of dollars a year, in the matter of houses of correction and Courts of justice, for a busy nation is a peaceful nation. Look at Holland ! She is so busy fighting the sea that she has no time to quarrel with her neighbors, and internal broils are scarcely known. But should an *invader* cross her dykes, he would find to his sorrow that the Dutch are brave as they are industrious.

Little did that prophetic pioneer, Mary Lyon, imagine the result of her work for women in founding Mount Holyoke Female Seminary in Massachusetts. Here the dignity of manual and intellectual labor welded into one, was first recognized. But on a wider, grander scale has Miss Lyon’s plan been carried out in the Soldiers’ Orphan schools of Pennsylvania. The good woman died years ago, but the good idea to which she gave birth lives and increases.

The condition of the schools.—I am happy to report that all the schools, with perhaps but one or two exceptions, are doing well. From year to year, improvements in the educational department of the schools are being developed, and the system of detail for work perfected. Thus both the physical and intellectual man is educated in the true sense—led out and made strong. We here again refer to Miss Lyon, she possessed a “sound mind, in a sound body,” and insisted upon *manual* as well as *mental* labor in her wonderful seminary—a real seed garden. And emulating so worthy an example, we send out these orphans with robust frames, made so by the healthy work in the kitchen and on the farm, which they have learned to perform with ease and skill, and at the same time obtaining the great treasure of a solid English education, which may be the foundation of still greater attainments. The girls learn to bake and cook, to sew on the machine, and to cut and fit dresses, to make button-holes, &c., &c. In fact all that pertains to make a woman a good house-keeper. Many of the boys learn farming, or trades of different kinds : tailoring, plumbing, carpenter-work, and other useful mechanical trades, while some are clerks and book-keepers.

Music.—Music, as heretofore, still occupies a pleasant and prominent place in all our schools. Vocal music by note is taught in nearly all the schools, and instrumental music on piano and horn, inspires the pupils of a large majority.

Sunday schools.—Well organized and officered Sabbath schools have been established in most of the schools, with fine libraries, and all other necessary Sabbath school appliances. In a few of the schools the pupils attend service outside of the institution.

Libraries.—The different schools have reported books, &c., in libraries as follows. It is pleasing to notice a steady increase in most cases :

SCHOOLS.	Books.	Periodicals.
Andersonburg	250	12
Bridgewater.....	400	17
Chester Springs.....	1,050	17
Dayton.....	196	20
Harford	325	25
Lincoln Institution.....	200	8
Mansfield	285	27
M'Alisterville.....	800	20
Mercer.....	245	20
Mt. Joy.....	260	18
Philipsburg.....	420	17
Soldiers' Orphan Institute.....	2,250	10
Uniontown.....	200	14
White Hall.....	220	10

HOMES.	Books.	Periodicals.
Catholic Home, Philadelphia.....	205	8
Church Home, York.....	70	10
Home for Friendless, Lancaster.....		11
Loysville Orphan Home.....	720	17
Orphan Home, Germantown.....	400	5
Orphan Home, Womelsdorf.....	413	6
St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler.....	300	12

Clothing.—The amount received by the principals for clothing is very small, and of course the orphans can only be plainly dressed. Still, in nearly every case they are comfortable, and make a very respectable appearance. The amount of \$25 per year for each child is a very small sum for the necessary clothing, including shoes and hats. We think the principals show both economy and wisdom in the outlay.

Food.—The food is wholesome and in sufficient quantity. The table service has been much improved in the past year. We insist upon politeness at table. The children have coffee for breakfast, and tea or milk for supper. They have butter at least once a day. Good meats and wholesome bread. Plenty of vegetables in their season. Fruits, &c. Fried potatoes is a favorite dish, and forms a nice warm breakfast plate. We insist upon having plenty of *good food* for the orphans, and the *sanitary condition* of the children is the best proof that they receive proper nourishment.

We spoke in the beginning of this report, of the good health of all the children in the schools, excepting M'Alisterville, where the typhoid fever prevailed to an alarming extent, eighty being affected, though it proved fatal in only *four cases*.

I insist upon each child receiving an entire *bath* and change of clothing once a week, besides daily washing and combing.

Beds and Bedding.—These are generally found in good condition, clean and neat, and tastefully arranged. I believe in having plenty of clean, comfortable bed clothes, and insist upon free ventilation.

Grand Army.—We are happy to record the continued efforts of this noble organization of men in behalf of the orphan children of their comrades in arms. In Philadelphia, the Grand Army of the Republic has established an employment bureau for *Sixteeners*.

The results of the Soldiers' Orphan schools are perhaps best seen in the character and conduct of those who have already left their fostering care, having reached the required age of *sixteen years*. A large percentage of these are now industrious, valuable citizens, a credit and blessing to the State that reared them. Many of the girls are well married. A large number of those who attended the Normal schools, are teaching. In the Philadelphia Soldiers' Orphan school, six orphan girls find employment: three as teachers in the school, one as assistant to the matron, one in the sewing room and one in the dining room, thus showing their varied capacity, and the value of the training they have received. A pupil of the White Hall school is the principal clerk in one of the largest stores in Harrisburg. A pupil of Chester Springs is now carrying on for himself, a thriving business as upholsterer, in Philadelphia. One of the Phillipsburg school is a clerk in a bank. In fact, from all the schools, we meet these dear orphaned children, now grown to manhood and womanhood, filling positions of trust, and I feel that the State may well be proud of the part she has taken in training them up for lives of usefulness.

Examinations.—The examinations this year were well worth attending. Despite the great heats of July, the community at large manifested a growing interest by an attentive audience to the different examinations, which, in all cases, were public, and conducted with openness and fairness. Each year's examination shows a steady improvement in both teachers and pupils. The task of teaching, year after year in one of the orphan schools is not an easy one. No position nor office connected with these schools is *sinecure*. It is *work! work!! work!!!*

The Detailed System found so beneficial to the pupils, is a source of much additional care and anxiety to the teaching force, imposing additional hours of labor as a bare necessity. We find the teachers in these Soldiers' Orphan schools, a faithful, earnest band, laboring for the good of their charge, really fulfilling that exalted idea of the true teacher, *in loco parentis*!

Good Manners.—In this connection we are glad to mark an improvement, and the improvement was noticed by the many spectators who witnessed the performances and manners of the pupils at the examinations. We encourage children to look up, and into the faces of those who address them.

Colored School.—We are delighted with the colored school. The last annual examination was creditable alike to teachers and scholars. The number in this school is so rapidly decreasing that it will soon have to be disbanded, unless the Legislature make an especial appropriation, which we recommend.

Methods of Instruction.—These we find in great variety as we traverse the State. The course of study laid down is uniform in all or nearly so. All the English branches, including reading, writing, geography, grammar, United States history, composition, mental and written arithmetic, book-keeping, &c., are taught. Some of the schools excel in one branch, some in another. We strive in our visitations to *develop the best methods of instruction.*

In the primary departments we find a great diversity and *inequality*. We deem a good foundation of the first importance, and insist that the best teaching ability is required in the primary schools.

Recommendation—Children of Disabled Soldiers.—In four successive reports we have recommended this class of children to our noble charity. The law all along provided for this class, and we are glad that our legislature has recognized the law in a measurable appropriation.

Contrast the situation of a soldier's widow and that of the wife of a disabled soldier—one has a school and a home provided for her children; the other a sick or disabled husband to care for, and a family of children, ever on the increase. We hope the Legislature will make an ample provision for all these children, which are the most destitute.

School Edifices.—These have been improved, and many valuable enlargements have been made during the current year.

Governor Hartranft, with unabated interest, has made himself acquainted with every movement of importance connected with our schools. He has the thanks of the people, the blessing of the children and the satisfaction of duty performed.

And to you, Dr. Wickersham, I would reiterate that to your untiring efforts the success of these schools may be well attributed. You have labored in season and out of season, ever with an eye single to the good of all, and with an equal justice in every case of administration. I return my thanks to you for your many acts of personal kindness to me, and I gladly place my name among the friends of education everywhere, who so willingly follow where you lead.

And now for the

GREAT CENTENNIAL.

As the \$5,000 appropriation asked for from the Legislature for the educational department of the centennial was lost last winter, we recommend to the Legislature to make a much larger, a *really liberal appropriation*, for

the educational department, during the coming session of the General Assembly.

Nothing adequate to the occasion can be done without *money*, and we, therefore, recommend this appropriation for the general cause, and also a large, separate appropriation for the exhibition of the Soldiers' Orphan schools and soldiers' orphan work at the centennial.

These wards of the State are especially a Pennsylvania organization, and, we think, deserve more than an ordinary place in the educational department at the great centennial when the world comes to see if our government is unmindful of the deeds of her heroes. Here is a living, unanswerable testimony that *republics are not ungrateful!*

Shall Germany, Sweden and Belgium erect school houses on *our* centennial grounds? Shall Austria and Switzerland have full educational exhibits? and *America*—these United States—and Pennsylvania, in particular, have to blush for the recalcancy of her Legislature to appropriate sufficient funds from her treasury for the most important department—the educational interests and training of a *free people*?

Shall we, in this proud moment of our national life, “worth ages of history,” *falter*? Shall the love of the “almighty dollar,” indeed, bring upon us national disgrace?

Oh, no! We believe the General Assembly will come nobly to the rescue. Gov. Hartranft has already spoken out like a man in behalf of this cause. And you, with others, have perfected plans for a grand educational exhibition, should the *means* be furnished to carry out these plans.

In closing, we again earnestly recommend to the Legislature this appropriation for consideration! We supplicate them not to neglect this measure, and we exclaim in paraphrase of the immortal Webster—“Education now, and education forever!”

Respectfully submitted,

ELIZABETH E. HUTTER.

EXTRACTS FROM REPORTS OF THE PRINCIPALS.

ANDERSONBURG—W. H. HALL, *Principal*.

We have been connected with this school in various capacities ever since its organization in 1866, now almost nine years. From that time to April 1, 1873, as principal instructor, and partner with Judge Motzer, the late principal, from December 1, 1872, to August 31, 1874. We therefore have been with the institution in all its vicissitudes and triumphs. We would respectfully report for the nine months ending the 31st of May, 1875, as follows :

Sanitary Condition.—In this respect our children have been remarkably favored. No case of serious illness ; the ordinary coughs and colds incident to the winter season, being all we can mention. We fully know and appreciate the fact, that a healthful hygiene is the first condition of either intellectual or physical success.

Wholesome food, sufficient clothing, a cleanly bodily condition and exercise may be taken as the constituents of our success in this respect. In cases of exceptional illness a skillful physician is ever in attendance.

Food and Clothing.—Our culinary department is well ordered, and our facilities for cooking ample. None but experienced cooks are employed, to whom are added in turns some of the oldest girls in school for instruction as well as help. Our food is plain, wholesome and sufficiently varied. No restraint is placed upon any scholar as to the amount he or she is to eat. Our meals are regular and orderly. Our orphans' clothing has frequently been the remark of visitors for neatness. Two or more seamstresses are constantly in employ, who are regularly assisted by some of the older and larger girls. In fact, many of the latter not only make their own raiment, but that of some of the boys. There appears to be a growing pride among the entire body of pupils to be neat. This is but natural as they advance toward man and womanhood.

The laundry department is managed as the others. In this also, the larger girls not only can be of use in the regular round of labor, but at the same time be educated in housewife duties.

Buildings and Grounds.—These are in the same neat condition for which they formerly have been noted. The play-ground contains about three acres, and is sufficiently large to accommodate all. Cleanliness and order we endeavor to make the ruling characteristics of every department, and we think our buildings and grounds speak for us. Judge Motzer in retiring, retained the principal structure and its out-buildings as a private residence; hence the necessity of adding some additional buildings which have now been completed. These are a main building, two stories, (the first used as a dining room, and the second contains a number of dormitories,) a wash-house, bake oven, barn, coal house, &c.

Moral and Religious.—Every Sabbath two sessions of Sabbath school are held, one in the forenoon and one in the afternoon. During the year quite a number of the children attend preaching in the churches in the neighborhood and also in their own school room.

The day school is opened and closed with the reading of the Scripture and prayer, and no occasion passes without an endeavor to advance true morality.

Education and Government.—This department, of course, is the acme and end of all others. We have endeavored to secure the ablest teachers. Our school room is well lighted, properly ventilated and furnished with improved furniture. Our aim has been, from the foundation of the school, to be, first of all, thorough as far as we go.

In closing this report we would take the occasion of expressing our heartfelt thanks for the kindness which you have shown us during our brief connection with the school as its principal.

BRIDGEWATER—JAMES STITZER, *Principal*.

No important changes have taken place in the school during the past year; but we have been steadily advancing intellectually, morally and religiously. Necessary repairs have been made. The general health has been good. No contagious disease has visited us, nor complaints other than such as are incident to children.

Morality.—Most of our boys and girls are truly conscientious. They do right from principle rather than compulsion. They are honest and reliable. They are such children as are found in christian homes.

Religious.—Sabbath day is spent in religious exercises. Services are held in chapel in the morning by Rev. Wm. Perkins of Bristol. In the afternoon we have Sabbath school, and prayer-meeting in the evening.

Although we think that on the Sabbath day it is especially incumbent upon us to instruct our pupils in the way of life, yet we strive to have a

religious tone continually pervading the school. Family worship is held morning and evening. Last winter the children held special prayer-meetings in the evening at their own request. Great interest was manifested in divine things. Many professed conversion.

Educational.—We especially aim at thoroughness in this department. No book is laid aside until its contents are fully mastered. The children evince zeal and patience in learning their lessons which is truly gratifying. We are well supplied with reading matter. A number of periodicals are taken in the school to which the children have access. A library of choice books is also at their disposal.

Clothing.—We have on hand an abundant supply of clothing. Winter attire is warm and comfortable. Summer garments neat and becoming.

In conclusion, we can say that in reviewing the history of the school, during the past year, we have reason to be encouraged. We believe that in educating the wards committed to our charge, we are accomplishing a noble work.

CHESTER SPRINGS—MRS. E. H. MOORE, *Principal*.

Since making our last report the school has undergone almost an entire change in its corps of officers.

The educational department, during the past year, has been under the care of Mr. P. J. Ulmstead, assisted by Messrs. F. Ibach and W. B. Chalfant and Misses E. Wickersham and E. Sharpless, whose faithfulness in the discharge of duty has been manifested in the marked improvement the pupils have made, and in the interest they have shown in their several studies.

Instruction has not been limited to the text-books, but has been given upon all subjects called to mind by the lessons. The children have been taught to *think* and to *apply* the knowledge they gain from books, thus laying a good foundation for future improvement.

The studies pursued by the higher grades are geometry, algebra, natural philosophy, physiology, botany, history, &c., in which they showed great proficiency at our recent examination; while those of lower grades showed equal thoroughness of training in the ready and intelligent answers given by them.

As in former years, the health of the school has been excellent, no form of epidemic having made its appearance within our household, this is doubtless due to the observance of regular habits and strict regard to sanitary laws, together with the purity of atmosphere, and the excellent water for which the place has long been noted. But notwithstanding the unsurpassed healthfulness of the locality, death made its appearance in our midst.

Sarah C. Hunsinger, who entered our school about one year before, with symptoms of pulmonary disease then existing, which was hereditary, died of consumption on the 11th of January, 1875. She could not have been more carefully guarded, or kindly cared for, than she was here. The desire to administer to her comfort and pleasure was everywhere apparent. Two or three of her chosen companions were with her a great deal of the time, and it was touching to see the tenderness with which they waited upon her. She was an entire orphan, and, seemingly, without other friends than those connected with the school. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. L. Sagebeer, pastor of the Baptist church, whose heartfelt interest and untiring zeal have been manifested by his monthly visits to the school for the past five years. She was interred in the Baptist burying ground, whither the children followed to pay their last tribute to a departed sister.

The industrial element of the school is quite satisfactory. The boys and girls show a cheerfulness and willingness to perform their allotted duties in a manner very commendable.

The constant aim of years to improve the moral condition has met its reward in the growing tendency of the children to act from motives of principle.

Perfect harmony has existed throughout the entire corps of officers which has had a beneficial effect upon the children. All have labored together to improve the moral and physical, as well as the educational condition of those entrusted to our care.

A well organized Sunday school has been kept up during the year, in which much interest has been taken. The pupils attend church when the weather permits, in addition to which we have preaching and other religious exercises in our school, conducted by ministers of the neighboring churches who feel a deep interest in the orphan boys and girls.

The school is well supplied with reading matter, possessing a fine library of over one thousand volumes, beside daily and weekly papers and other periodicals, furnished by the editors, to whom we feel greatly indebted for their kindness and liberality.

In closing this report, I would express my appreciation of the faithfulness and earnest co-operation of our efficient corps of officers, upon which the success of the past year has in a great measure depended, and to the trustees for their liberal support and encouragement.

DAYTON—HUGH M'CANDLESS, *Principal*.

Buildings.—It should be remembered that when our last report was made, we had not yet recovered from the effects of a fire which had six months previously destroyed two of our buildings. The last house needed to replace those destroyed was so far completed by the first of June, 1874, that we began to occupy it, and it was finished during vacation with the exception of the inside painting. All the buildings are well ventilated; they are situated on high, dry ground, considerably above the average elevation of the surrounding country, and being away from sewers and fetid or decaying vegetable matter, it is difficult to conceive of a place where the external air is purer, while the arrangement for the ventilation of the rooms insures the constant supply of an abundance of pure air at all seasons of the year, the supply to each child in the sleeping-rooms being not less than from 4,000 to 6,000 cubic feet per hour. We have now good accommodations for at least two hundred and twenty-five (225) children, and with a very small outlay we can make room to receive from fifty to seventy-five more. Permit me to add that we will, if desired, cheerfully and promptly make whatever further arrangements may be necessary to enable us to accommodate 275 or 300 children.

Health.—The health of the school has been remarkably good, every child with but very few exceptions having been able to attend school daily throughout the year. There have been no deaths, and but very few cases of sickness, none of a serious nature. We have had sore eyes and a few cases of rheumatism. The ruddy and healthful appearance of the children is remarked by almost every visitor, and may be attributed to the uncommonly healthy location of the school, to the sufficiency of nutritious food, and to the regularity observed in diet, labor, study, recreation and sleep.

Education.—The progress made by the children during the year in the different studies has been quite satisfactory. Along with the branches prescribed by law for the public schools, there have been taught drawing, natural philosophy, book-keeping, algebra, physiology and vocal music. In the method of instruction there has been but little change from that pursued in other years; we have steadily aimed to impart such knowledge of the branches studied as would in our opinion be most useful to the pupils, and to impart that knowledge in such a manner as to render it easily retained in memory and readily available in the pursuits of life. We have found it difficult to procure the services of a teacher who is well qualified to teach vocal music and who is also a good teacher of other branches, and we have therefore employed, during most of the year, a special instructor for the first named branch. Other branches will be added to the above list

whenever we have pupils whose advancement seems to warrant such addition; but we are not now of the opinion that children ought to take up the more advanced branches to the neglect of the common ones, nor do we believe that pupils, as a rule, have a sufficient knowledge of the studies named above before their arrival at the age of sixteen years.

Prof. M. L. Thounhurst, a gentleman of large experience and special talents as a teacher, has had charge of the educational department of the school, and was assisted constantly by four other teachers. Mr. J. B. Powers and Miss M. A. Walker for the whole year, and Misses M. M. M'Creery, M. E. M'Creery, E. J. Smith and Lizzie Kepple for parts of the year. Prof. J. J. Newcome has given regular lessons in vocal music since about the first of December.

Moral Training.—This we look upon as the most important part of a child's education. The education of the intellect increases the power and activity of the mind, but moral training gives direction to the thoughts and actions of an individual, determines in a great measure his happiness or misery, and makes him a blessing or a curse to the world. This education, this moral bent, cannot be imparted by means of text-books on moral philosophy, nor yet by means of moral lectures and homilies; it is obtained at an age when the reasoning power is almost dormant, when there has not been that experience or observation which is necessary to a proper appreciation of precept and argument; it is not acquired by an act of the will, but is imbibed unconsciously through the medium of sympathy. The intelligent christian family is the model school for moral training; it is in the family, as nowhere else, a child receives the sympathy its nature craves and through which it derives its tendency to do good or evil. Acting under a firm belief in the truth of these principles, we have steadily tried to make our school what a home ought to be, a place where love is the ruling element; where the wants of the children, mental, moral and physical, are carefully considered, and no regulation is made for their observance but with a view to their good; where the buoyant spirit of childhood is not repressed unnecessarily, but allowed to burst forth without restraint, in innocent and healthful amusement; where the young are not chilled and repulsed by the cold indifference or rigid austerity of their natural exemplars and teachers.

Every teacher and every employee is selected with reference not only to his natural and acquired fitness for his particular work, but also with reference to the moral influence he will be likely to exert.

Punishment is very seldom inflicted, and never except as a last resort, and when it can no longer be avoided consistently with the best interests of the school. We regard it, however, as our imperative duty to keep the moral atmosphere of the school as pure as possible, so pure that no child's

morals will be corrupted by breathing it ; and when this cannot be done in any other way, we do not hesitate to use such punishment as will be in our opinion best adapted to restrain the wayward, and thus save the good from being contaminated by the conduct of the vicious.

General Reading.—We have bought during the year, about one hundred and seventy-five dollars worth of books for a library. These books have been selected with care, and with a view to their being interesting and instructive to the children, without being injurious to their morals. The reading room is open five evenings each week, and for five or six hours every Saturday, but the attendance of the children is left to their own option.

Religious.—We have worship evening and morning of each day, and the children attend church and Sabbath school every Sunday.

Industry.—The work of the girls has been the same as in former years. They work two hours each day, under a competent instructor in learning to cook, bake, wash, sew and do general house work. At the age of sixteen, the time at which they are discharged, they are, as a rule, capable of doing any kind of work done at the school, in a tidy and creditable manner, and yet when one of our girls goes into a private family to do exactly the same kind of work she has learned to do here, she will need some instruction, chiefly on account of the difference in the amount of work to be done. A shoe shop in charge of Mr. W. B. Oberlin, has been carried on at the school during the past year, and a number of the boys, perhaps twelve or fifteen, have already learned not only to mend boots and shoes, but to make a neat and substantial shoe. With this exception, the work of the boys has been the same as in other years ; they work on the farm, chop wood, keep their own room clean and make their own beds.

Food.—Nourishing food in the greatest possible variety and in sufficient quantity, is placed on our tables, and the children are not restricted in the proper use of it. I think I may safely say that all who are acquainted with the school, will concede that the fare of the children is ample in amount and proper in kind.

Clothing.—The allowance for clothing is found to be sufficient to clothe the children neatly and comfortably. Each child has more and better clothes now than the average, one year ago.

The thanks of the principal are due to the board of managers of the Dayton Soldiers' Orphan School association for aid and much needed counsel ; to the teachers and employees of the school for their faithful co-operation and assistance, and to the good people of Dayton and vicinity for their many acts of kindness and encouragement.

HARFORD—H. S. SWEET, *Principal*.

During the past year no material changes have been made. The system of study united with labor, has been fully carried out and with gratifying results.

The interest our pupils have taken in their studies, and the advancement made in the different branches pursued has been commendable; and the faithful manner of performing all tasks assigned them, and the cheerfulness with which they have been performed, has been a source of encouragement and gratification to all teachers and employees of our school.

Reports of misconduct on the part of pupils are seldom made, and corporal punishment is seldom resorted to. Our aim has been to train every child to be correct in deportment, studious, industrious and tidy, and our united efforts in this direction have been rewarded with good results.

During the past year, a large number of pupils have been discharged, and in no previous year has such a promising class of children been sent out from our school. All are prepared mentally, morally and physically to fill places of usefulness in life. Several of the girls have received orders from the State Superintendent to enter the State Normal school located at Bloomsburg.

The religious services at the school are the same as during past years. Devotional exercises morning and evening, and on Sunday, services in the school chapel conducted by clergymen residing near us, and Sabbath school. Our school being located some distance from a church, only a small portion of the year are our pupils enabled to attend.

But one change has been made in our corps of instructors during the year. Mr. Myron Kasson, a graduate of Cornell university, is now principal teacher, and under his management, with the co-operation of his efficient assistants, the educational department of our school has been much improved.

No additions have been made to our buildings during the year, nor have our grounds been extended, but repairs have been fully kept up.

LINCOLN INSTITUTION—M. S. CLAY, *Secretary Board of Managers*

The Lincoln Institution has merited great praise during the past year. The boys give universal satisfaction. All are employed during the daytime in stores or learning trades, the preference always being given to the latter. Accounts constantly reach the officers of the institution of the very exceptional manner in which the "Lincoln Boys" deport themselves.

After the younger boys were removed to the Educational Home, the managers thought it wiser that the educational committee of the board of council should have the more especial charge of the night school. The gentlemen are untiring in their labors for the good of the boys, and are amply rewarded in the advancement they have made. Very competent teachers are secured who are indefatigable in their endeavors to merit the commendation of the committee.

The health of the boys has been very excellent, no deaths have occurred during the year, and only a very few cases of sickness that required medical treatment. We regret the loss of Mr. J. Edgar Thomson, one of the early and very liberal friends and councilors of the institution. The number of inmates at the institution is 84. During the past year 16 boys have been admitted, 21 were discharged to return to their homes, 54 were transferred to the Educational Home, being under 13 years of age, and 30 were received from the Educational Home.

The officers of the institution affirm that the boys are diligent and prompt, both in their business and their studies. Great pains are taken to make them very careful in their writing and there are several good penmen among them.

LOYSVILLE.—P. WILLARD, *Superintendent*.

We have averaged about seventy-six soldiers, and forty-six charity children, and with the exception of one case of softening of the brain which proved fatal in a few days, we had no case of sickness worth naming.

Morals.—The morals of the children, though not all that we could desire, yet taking into consideration early training and home influences have exceeded our expectations.

Religious Exercises.—The children attend public worship as usual in one of the village churches, every Sabbath morning except when the weather is too inclement, when a sermon is preached in the school room for the especial benefit of the children and employees, by the superintendent. Every Sabbath afternoon we have Sunday school, followed by a Bible class, and prayer meeting in the evening in connection with reading and expounding the Holy Scriptures. We have also a Sabbath school library containing about eight hundred volumes, to which the orphans have access when not engaged in study, which with several Sunday school papers and a Bible for each child they can spend their leisure hours very profitably.

Industry.—The industrial department has also been attended to. The detail system has been carried out during the year, and whilst the boys have had their turn on the farm, and in the various departments of horticulture,

the girls have had their hours in the dining room, the kitchen, the laundry and in the sewing room.

Progress.—The children have made commendable progress in their studies during the year. In thoroughness and scholarship we are of opinion they will compare favorably with any of the larger Soldiers' Orphan schools in the State.

Much attention has also been given to music, both vocal and instrumental. Our children all sing well, and a number of the boys, as well as the girls, have been taking lessons on the organ during the year and have made commendable progress.

Recreations.—Our campus or play ground, consisting of five acres, which lies around the eminence upon which the buildings are erected is sloping and always dry, is becoming a park, studded with trees and evergreens of various kinds, together with grape vines upon trellis work, also flowers almost without number, has not only afforded ample room for play, but a cool retreat from the heat of the scorching sun, whilst the atmosphere around was perfumed with fragrance of flowers.

Productions.—The farm, consisting of $27\frac{1}{2}$ acres of arable land, is now in a fine state of cultivation, yielding an abundance of everything in the vegetable line, besides, in wheat, oats, corn, hay, &c.

Our young orchard planted five years ago consisting of 180 apple trees of choice varieties; 200 peach trees and forty pear trees are beginning to bear fruit, and will in a few years produce a superabundance for the home. We have also planted a fruit garden during the year consisting of eighteen hundred strawberry plants of choice variety, together with raspberries, plums, dwarf pears, and May-duke cherries.

Improvements.—We have erected a new barn 54x45, during the past year which is pronounced by all who see it, one of the most substantial, well planned and convenient in the county. The buildings were remodeled during the spring, so as to make a reception room and parlor for visitors. The school room will be wainscoted, re-painted, and furnished with new cherry desks of the Bancroft patent. The culinary department will be torn down and rebuilt of brick, two stories, and enlarged so as to furnish separate rooms for the cook, the baker and the laundress, each with a bath room in the rear, with hot and cold water, and arrangements for plunge or shower-baths.

MANSFIELD—F. A. ALLEN, *Principal*.

The past, like former years, has added very greatly to our stock of experience in managing and teaching a Soldiers' Orphan school.

We have nothing new to report. The work of the year has been quite satisfactory in every department.

The continuance of the same employees, year after year, enables us to do the work with far less friction than when frequent changes occur. The longer the acquaintance, the better we get to understand mutual wants, needs, likes and dislikes, and with this knowledge, to so shape and direct our efforts as to bring the greatest good to the greatest number. This in a measure, accounts for easy discipline of the institution without resort to corporal punishment in any of its forms. It also accounts for the comparatively rapid progress made in the educational department. I desire to bear strong and satisfactory testimony to this feature of continuing the same help in all departments. Frequent changes is the bane of these schools. When I speak of rapid educational progress, I do not mean that progress which is sought after by means of ordinary text-books of the school room, for in this we might appear to be deficient. But I speak of real, substantial progress in things most desirable to be known, and which will best fit these wards of the State to go into the world, partially qualified to discharge well and intelligently the duties of citizenship. Our aim has been not to give *more* of arithmetic, but more of that arithmetic which comes to the every-day practical business life of the farmer or artisan. In short, the main features of this has been, *how to use* knowledge. This has necessitated the introduction of many studies out of the usual routine of school work. When we attempt to teach the *how* and the *why* in the performance of actual work in life, we must enter upon other fields of study than those named in the provisional certificate of the teacher. To meet this demand, we have had to teach physiology, botany, zoology, philosophy, chemistry, and literature. These are not taught incidentally, but regularly; certain portions of the year being devoted to each special branch enumerated, in connection with those ordinarily taught. In this work we deal *with the thing taught*, and not with what the books *say* about it. If the subject considered is chemistry, philosophy, &c., the foundation is laid in giving ocular and tangible demonstrations. The pupil *does*, as well as sees and hears, as the collections of specimens in all these departments give ample testimony.

Our boys have made and can intelligibly explain and put to use, all the apparatus needed to show a fair knowledge of mechanical powers.

In the department of literature, the majority of the school can give a brief sketch of the lives of some twelve leading authors, enumerating their leading works, and have committed at least one selection from each; and this is the work of the past year.

But I cannot dwell upon these details—for even these may not be wanted. To sum up this matter of school work, let me repeat what was given some years since. Every pupil has three, and only three lessons a day. One in language, one in mathematics and one in physical science. The same time given to each by both teacher and pupil. The results of this kind of work are very satisfactory to us at least, and when carefully examined and tested by others, is remarkable.

The general health of the school has been good, though an unusual amount of sickness has been ours to encounter. Fevers which prevailed through this section and were so disastrous in many places, left its mark upon us. We had several cases in the school, but thorough watchfulness and careful and diligent nursing, together with judicious medical treatment, only one of our number was taken away. Later in the year, we lost another, who had for several years been troubled with a scrofulous affection in the head. These two constitute our bill of mortality for the year.

The industrial department has been not only satisfactory, but to some extent profitable. The Soldiers' Orphan school at Mansfield may, I think, challenge any other like school in the State, touching her *farm* and *farm products*. And I think we may dare to compare, with favorable results, with any farmer in Tioga county. Our potato crop was two thousand two hundred and seventy-five bushels. We raised over a thousand bushels of ruta-bagas on one acre. But we suspend, lest we may seem to violate the scriptural injunction: *Let not thy own, but another's mouth praise thee.*

In the home department we have added a special feature. In each sitting room for the children, we have located a good, christian, motherly woman. There she sits, from morn till night, as did mothers of olden times, when we had mothers, in the rocking chair, darning and mending, sewing on buttons, splicing suspenders and fixing buckles, doing up cut fingers and stubbed toes, and with those kindly admonitions that good old fashioned mothers knew just how to give, suggesting that a little soap and water wou'd make neck and ears, as well as hands so much more tidy and neat. God bless old fashioned mothers, and especially these mothers of *ours*, who have so faithfully performed the work in our school for the past year. It costs something to keep up their department in this manner, not only in the furnishing of these good mothers, but in furnishing these rooms with reading matter. Aye! there's the rub—for who is sufficient for this work? whose purse is plethoric enough to supply this craving unsatiable demand for reading matter? The State could do no better service for these chil-

dren, in addition to what she has already done, than to appropriate annually one hundred dollars to each school for the purchase of books and periodicals. We bought last spring, the entire bound set of Harper's Magazines, and the reading that has been done with them is simply astonishing. A score or more may be seen almost any time in the day, for every day of the week, poring over these pages. These, together with quite a number of Abbott's works, and a fine collection purchased of J. R. Osgood & Co., Boston, constitute our book reading. In addition to this, we have a large newspaper list, well chosen. But still the cry is for more.

I desire in this public manner to express my deep sense of gratitude to those who have so earnestly and faithfully carried out in detail, the work of this school. No school has better or more efficient help in all its appointments and departments. They have been self-sacrificing and devoted to their duties, and have performed their work for the love of it.

M'ALISTERVILLE.—GEO. F. M'FARLAND, *Proprietor*.

Ten years.—This institution was opened for the reception of soldiers' orphans by agreement with Dr. Burrowes, then Superintendent, October 7, 1864, and is credited as duly recognized as a State Soldiers' Orphan school November 3, 1864. It therefore completed its first *ten years* of active work for the worthy orphans of our fallen defenders on the *third day of November, 1874*. Being the first institution of the kind in the State, its work was at first largely missionary, and needy children were sent to it from widely separated counties of the State, and afterwards transferred when other schools were opened nearer the homes of these children. It has, therefore, children in nearly every other school in the State. Six hundred and fifty-three (653) soldiers' orphans (387 boys and 266 girls,) have enjoyed its advantages as a school and a home; and it would be interesting indeed to follow these through school and since they left school for the active duties of life. But space will only permit us to say in passing, that among these 653 children of the State were many girls and boys who developed the strongest intellect, the clearest convictions of moral duty, and the noblest aspirations. A large per cent. of those who left the school at sixteen years of age, were well prepared for life's duties, and are grandly fulfilling the expectations of friends and statesmen. Some are ministers, teachers, doctors, lawyers, inventors, merchants, mechanics, and farmers, while others are filling important and responsible positions with credit to themselves and honor to the State. It is believed that the history of this one school establishes the wisdom of the State in caring for the children of her brave defenders, and justifies the expenditures made in their behalf.

The last year has been, with one notable exception, a year of satisfactory growth and improvement to the institution. The average number of pupils, about 180, was greater than the previous year, the teaching force was efficient, and the educational progress indicated at the annual examination reported satisfactory by the examining officer. The moral status of the children was very encouraging, and the last third of the year especially passed in diligent study and cheerful obedience on their part.

The buildings and grounds, which are ample in capacity and well adapted to the purpose, were improved and the farm well cultivated. Large crops of hay, oats, corn and vegetables, were raised. The grapery, now in its prime, yielded large quantities of delicious and healthy fruit which was enjoyed by the pupils.

The industrial department was also more than usually successful, both boys and girls doing well and cheerfully the multifarious work of the institution and the farm required of them. This feature continues to be considered an important element in the education and healthy development of these wards of the State.

The clothing and bedding were improved, and were found by the inspectors to be satisfactory in quantity and quality at the close of the year, and were all made up in the sewing department of the school, in which all the girls take their regular turns. It is the boast of this institution that no girl leaves it on age without being an expert with the needle, and able to operate the sewing machine well.

The exception to the growth and improvement of the institution referred to in the early part of this report, was in reference to the health of the school. About the middle of September last, typhoid fever visited the neighborhood as an epidemic, and many died with it. The school, remarkably healthy for more than a year, escaped this epidemic some three months, until about the middle of December, when it, too, was attacked. Dr. A. J. Fisher, the attending physician reported 81 cases in all. But such was the skill with which it was treated by physician and nurses, and so effective were the sanitary regulations enforced that only two children died out of this large number—Joanna Brouse, a fine promising girl, February 17th, and Edward E. Redabough, a bright but not very healthy boy, March 3rd. Whilst we grieved over the loss of these, we cannot but thank the Father of the Fatherless for saving so many and allowing this affliction to pass away with comparatively so little harm to our flock.

The loss of a teacher, Mr. H. C. Culp, was also a sad bereavement. He died esteemed and regretted by all who knew him.

Two other deaths occurred during the year, one, John M. Milsom, July 3rd, by accidentally falling from a cart which passed over him. The other,

William C. M. Grow, January 22nd, with an internal abscess. These were good boys, much beloved, and their loss sadly felt.

This visitation interfered during its continuance with the school and other exercises, caused loss of time, and severely taxed the time and strength of the entire faculty. All who know the facts speak in highest terms of the devotion and kindness of every employee to the afflicted.

From the latter part of March when the epidemic passed away, happiness and study returned and all went well to the close of the year. Altogether the year was an encouraging one and full of evidences of good work done. Eternity alone will reveal the character and extent of this work, and its influence upon the usefulness and destiny of the children upon whom, and for whom it was done.

MERCER—GEO. W. WRIGHT, *Manager*.

In behalf of the Mercer Soldiers' Orphan school company, I have the honor to submit the following report, for the year ending May 31, A. D. 1875, being the first annual report of the present owners :

The general progress morally, physically and mentally, has been fair and quite satisfactory. The experience of the past year will doubtless enable us to do better work in the future.

The health of the school has been good, having had no sickness except a few cases of scarlet rash, and no deaths.

By reason of the disbanding of the Titusville school, our school has materially increased in numbers, thereby necessitating numerous changes in our buildings in order to satisfactorily provide the comfort and convenience for all.

Our buildings have all been arranged inside and out, with a view to convenience and comfort, and at the same time to present a pleasing view. All the buildings have been re-painted inside and out, and a large fountain built in the centre of the grounds.

The same teachers remain that were employed by our predecessor, with three additional ones, to wit : Miss Bogle, Miss Pettit and Miss Orr. All are excellent persons and teachers of ability ; many of them being graduates of the State Normal school at Edinboro', Pa.

We have added several acres to our farm, and are endeavoring to give our boys a thorough practicable idea of farming and gardening, thereby helping them so far as is within our means, to become self-sustaining at the age of sixteen. Our girls are regularly instructed in the duties of house work, sewing and everything pertaining to a thorough knowledge of house-

keeping, so that they may be able to take charge and perform all the duties pertaining thereto, upon arriving at the age of sixteen.

To yourself and Prof. Bogle, our principal, his corps of teachers, Miss Martin, our matron, and Mr. Black, our local manager, largely are due whatever success we may have obtained, and we feel that with such help in future, we cannot fail to make the school not only a home for soldiers' orphans, but a school fitting each and every one to successfully fight the great battle of life.

We cannot close this, however, our first annual report, without expressing our thanks for the manner in which you have borne our many shortcomings, and the interest you have always taken in our school, without which, we feel assured, the present eminent and successful position we now occupy could not have been attained.

MOUNT JOY—JESSE KENNEDY, *Principal*.

The past year has been one of marked success. The health of our school has never been better.

Discipline is deemed of first importance, yet it is secured in such a way as to cultivate a home feeling among the children. No child should feel that he is not in the care of friends. Sad indeed, would be the lot of that child who should feel that he is beyond the reach of sympathy. Love is mightier than fear. Kindness calls forth and fosters the nobler qualities of the mind, while cruelty arouses the baser passions of the soul. While in extreme and rare cases, severe measures must be resorted to, it is done in such a manner as to show that love is the motive which impels to a distasteful duty. Punishment which leaves the recipient rankling with venom and hate, is worse than useless. It may *crush*, but it never subdues and leads to permanent reform, and the building up of noble character. Under our firm but kind treatment, our children are orderly, obedient, industrious and studious, yet they are joyful, trustworthy, free, frank and manly.

We take special care to teach our children good manners. While much is done by precept, the greater part must be accomplished by example. A continual harping upon the importance of becoming conduct while acting the part of a boor, or while surrounding the children with boorishness, would be labor thrown away. Hence, no person shall henceforth be employed to fill any position about the school, who is not a pattern of good breeding. The young imperceptibly imitate the ways of older persons with whom they are brought in contact. Gentlemanly traits and ladylike ways go as far, and perhaps farther than any other one requisite, towards success in life. Without this qualification, scholarship, industry, virtue, and

even piety, are but partially available and shine with but a dimmed lustre.

No additions have been made to our buildings or grounds during the year, yet our accommodations and improvements have kept pace with the demands of the school, and fully meet the expectations of the public.

Our educational work during the year has been very gratifying. More substantial and thorough progress has been made than in any other year of our history. Our aim has not been to seize upon a few of the brightest intellects, and push them to the utmost of their capacity, for the sake of boasting of our achievements, but rather have we labored conscientiously to advance our school *as a whole*, that we may do the greatest good to the greatest number, taking the most pains with the dull and backward as being most in need of help.

The course of study prescribed by the State Superintendent has been rigidly followed. When we have exceeded that course, such branches have been taken up as are preparatory to, or are pursued in the State Normal Schools, as quite a number of our pupils continue their studies at those institutions after leaving us.

Too much cannot be said in praise of our faithful corps of teachers, which consists of Prof. G. G. Kunkle, a graduate of Muhlenberg college, Prof. G. N. Alexander, Mr. Richard Hall, Mr. Ed. J. Moore, Miss Mary Buckwalter, Miss A. E. Hollinger and Miss Ellie Kline.

Our children, both boys and girls, are well clad. With the exercise of much painstaking and mend, we find the amount allowed by the State, \$25 per child, sufficient.

Thanking you and those associated with you in the department for encouragement and counsel, and the many friends of the soldiers' orphans for their kindness and timely words of cheer, and invoking the continued blessing of the Great Father, we hope to begin a new school year with renewed zeal and increased fidelity, in the confidence that we may witness in the future even richer results of our labor than those which have crowned our efforts in the past.

PHILLIPSBURG.—W. G. TAYLOR, *Principal*.

This has been a year of remarkable changes, numerous discharges on age and admissions by transfer and order. This greatly increased our labor in moulding the heterogeneous elements into harmony. None of those received knew anything of systematic industry; none had systematic habits of study, and all lacked intellectual discipline of mind. With this material, we must either fall below our former standing or double our diligence and labor. We preferred the latter, and after a year of the most in-

tense labor—labor greater than any since our school was organized—we are gratified with reaching the high standard of the previous year.

Scholarship.—Here we have the most encouraging results. We have reached a degree of thoroughness in scholarship and a degree of progress, as shown by our class-books and proven by examination, that we think it would be difficult to surpass with children of the age and time of those in school. There are but few children, on the average, in any community, that the scholarship equals that of the children in our school. Our tenth grade is not only our most advanced grade this year, but they are the most thorough. No man living would have been ashamed to hear his son, "Ed.," examined in the tenth grade, at thirteen and a half years old, in algebra, physiology, natural and moral philosophy, astronomy and chemistry, with a standing of 100, and yet that was our soldier's orphan, "Ed.," with a body in the highest perfection of physical vigor and a head measuring twenty-one inches. Our whole tenth grade were 96 in class-book and 100 in examinations. We thank God for the privilege of demonstrating what can be done in the development of the human mind, and at the same time giving the highest physical vigor and health, and the largest growth of brain. There has been a systematic development of all the faculties, no one at the expense of the other; we use our industry, as well as the school room, with a view to the systematic development of the mind. Here we append, as the evidence of these facts, our educational report and the report of our departments:

The classes in the higher grades, in physical geography, algebra, physiology, natural and moral philosophy, astronomy, chemistry, music, drawing, &c., showed great proficiency and thoroughness for children under sixteen years of age.

Educational averages from class-books and examinations:

Grade.	Average class-book.	Av. ex.
First.....	81	82
Second—A.....	85	89
Do....B.....	89	91
Third.....	94	95
Fourth—A.....	89	91
Do....B.....	92	95
Fifth—A.....	90	92
Do..B.....	92	92
Sixth—A ..	94	97
Seventh.....	95	97
Eighth.....	95	95
Tenth.....	96	100

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Average of whole school—class-book.....	91
Dodo.....examination.....	<u>93</u>

GENERAL AVERAGE IN OTHER DEPARTMENTS.

Girls.

Household duties.....	90
Sewing	95
Dress making.....	93
Physical development.....	100
Neatness	95
Deportment	96
General intelligence	94
Vocal music.....	98
Composition and letter writing.....	90
Drawing.....	<u>85</u>

Boys.

Gardening and farming.....	85
Miscellaneous duties	90
Care of animals.....	95
Physical development .	100
Neatness.....	90
Deportment.....	95
Military drill	94
Vocal music.....	90
Composition and letter writing.....	85
Declamation.....	90
Drawing	<u>92</u>

Girls, average in department.....	93½
Boys.....do.....do	<u>92</u>

Total average of school in educational and departments.....	<u>92¼</u>
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Industry.—We had almost despaired in the second quarter of this year, as we found our trained children rapidly leaving, discharged on age, and their places filled by those who knew nothing of systematic industry, scarcely one of the girls received being able to make the plainest under clothing for themselves. But the disparaging contrast they saw between themselves and the girls here, of the same age, roused them to activity, and the improvement of every moment in the sewing room, under a skilled teacher, and in the various departments of industry, and their effort was crowned with success; and the result was that *fifty-two girls*, without the loss of a recitation, were

able to make handsome suits of Japanese cloth, which were admired very much. Many were the kind remarks they called forth at the railroad. At Pittsburg some gentlemen looking at them shook hands with us, and said no man need be ashamed of those children, they are an honor to Pennsylvania. The boys have made steady improvement in farming, gardening, care of animals and general work, and some in the use of tools.

We have increased our farm to 210 acres, on which are four good dwelling houses and three large barns, and stabling for fifteen horses and twenty cows. We had early vegetables for use before our neighbors this year. We have had a very large harvest this year; but from 250 trees we will not have five bushels of fruit. We insist on industry, because no one boy or girl, man or woman, can fill their place well and be permanently successful without industry.

Morally and Religiously.—Our moral and religious improvement has been encouraging. We steadily labor to enlighten the mind and arouse the conscience. We have the daily reading of the scriptures and a daily table talk on some point connected with human duty and responsibility, memorizing of scriptures. Sabbath school and preaching every Sabbath.

General Intelligence.—This is much above ordinary for children of their age. I give the teachers the use of my large library to read to the children at such times as can be used to advantage, so that every child over nine years of age heard seventy-five volumes of books read last year, and sometimes selections from newspapers and magazines, besides their own reading.

Deportment.—This, considering the age of our children, has been good, and contrasted with that of academies and seminaries has been very good. We have taken 190 of our children to church without one single act of disorder or inconvenience. And the same is true in their attending public places. The rules and restraints that produce these results sometimes go a little hard with a new comer, but they soon see the advantage and yield cheerfully and prefer it to something more lax; they find it gives them a better education and better industry.

Social culture.—They are taught the social duties and relations, and the courtesies of life and required to exercise them toward each other. All rudeness or impoliteness of boys toward girls is strictly forbidden.

Physical and Sanitary.—September 1, and December 1, we had quite an unusual number of diseased brought in, but with the blessing of a kind Providence, we have overcome all these physical disabilities, now and we are in the best physical condition possible. Our first work is always to secure a good physical condition and vigorous health as the only sure and safe means of mental development.

Boys and Girls Wardrobes have been and are good. They are open for the inspection of all visitors. As is every part of our buildings every day of the week but Sabbath, from 8 o'clock, A. M., till 5 o'clock, P. M.

Buildings.—These have been repaired this year, and some of the girls bed rooms re-papered and several of the large rooms have been handsomely papered and decorated. Our large hall has been handsomely and tastefully papered, these three rooms give us 2,484 square feet of sitting room for boys, or $22\frac{1}{2}$ square feet of sitting room for each of our 110 boys.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN INSTITUTE.—DR. AND MRS. A. HARSEBERGER,
Principals.

There is perhaps little that is new to report from our schools during the past year, work has been going on quietly, earnestly and successfully we hope.

Sanitary.—The health of the children has been in general very good. Last summer passed without any cases of sickness, which was particularly gratifying in view of the large mortality among children which is invariable in this city during the warm weather. The autumn and winter, an unusually rigorous one, left us unscathed, and we hoped to present this report free, as was last year's, from any record of death. But a higher wisdom decreed otherwise.

With the opening of the spring one of the little boys, Othello Bader, was carried off very suddenly. This is the only death we have to record.

The face of death with us is so uncommon a sight that we all felt the occasion deeply. The entire body of children were assembled in the chapel. An appropriate hymn sung, a chapter read, and the lesson of death and eternity impressed in a few solemn words by the Rev. Dr. Walk who kindly officiated upon the occasion.

Little Othello had been but a very short time in the institute till he was called to the higher school of the great teacher to his father's house above. He was one of the children of disabled soldiers' admitted under the late act.

Educational—The progress here has been a steady advance. Of the pupils of our school who passed the allotted year at Normal school three of the girls have returned to us, and are proving themselves efficient teachers. One is second assistant in the girls' department, Soldiers' Orphan institute, and the other two have jointly the charge of the school for the friendless in the Northern Home. Another of our sixteeners is assisting in the household work.

Our Kintergarten is still flourishing and blooming. We really have spent a year of very earnest and delightful work in this garden in which the little

slip of humanity just taking root in life finds congenial soil, climate and surroundings, finds also provision made for the full development of all its nascent activities and all its growing faculties ; this is a child garden.

We may exclaim, with the gifted Frœbel, "Come, let us live for our children !"

We would here mention, with great pleasure, the kindness of that well known publisher, Mr. E. Steiger, 22 and 24 Frankfort street, New York, who takes the greatest pains to furnish all necessary for the Kintergarten. He is well remembered for his noble efforts (for a long time unaided) in the cause of American literature, preparatory to the great Vienna Exposition.

Religious.—Our beautiful new chapel was dedicated February 27, 1875. Since that memorable day when His Excellency Gov. Hartranft, your ever-welcome self, and many other dignitaries of our good old Commonwealth, filled our chapel, we have held regular church service each Sabbath morning and Sabbath school every afternoon.

The members of the North Broad Street Presbyterian church, have, with unrivaled liberality, furnished the school with maps, charts, &c., and a library, altogether costing over \$1,200 ; also giving many days of earnest work in the Sabbath school. Besides these books furnished the school, 1,200 volumes were donated by different churches and individuals last Christmas for this Chapel Sabbath school library.

Quite a number of different churches and denominations are represented in our corps of Sabbath school workers. The Bible society donated several hundred Bibles. The Twentieth and Spring Garden Methodist Episcopal church has shown a large-hearted interest. The North Broad Street Presbyterian church and the Twentieth and Spring Garden M. E. church have *Memorial Windows* in the chapel, each costing \$75. The other memorial windows were purchased by the different lady managers, the board of trustees erecting the beautiful north window to the memory of Rev. Dr. E. W. Hutter, so well known throughout the orphan schools.

Anniversary.—The 22d of the Northern Home was celebrated May 13, in the "Grace Protestant Episcopal Church," Twelfth and Cherry, the Rev. Dr. Suddard's. The evening was a very pleasant one. The church had been very tastefully decorated with flowers for the occasion. Everything passed off in a happy manner ; both the Soldiers' Orphans and the Friendless Children participating in the exercises.

Recreative.—Our children are happy, and happy childhood loves play. We congratulate ourselves that even in this large city we have ample grounds to afford joyful exercise for all our numerous family.

Musical.—As heretofore, much attention has been paid to music. The Matthew Baird Cornet band, No. 2, received a grand present on New Year's Day, in the shape of a handsome set of silver-mounted instruments,

costing \$500, from their friend and patron, Hon. Matthew Baird. Joseph Jeanes, an early friend of the Home, gave the girls a beautiful new piano last fall.

The Centennial.—It is near at hand. We know we shall be seen. We know American institutions will be criticized. We want to be ready.

UNIONTOWN—A. H. WATERS, *Principal.*

One year in our mountain home has been passed, and the retrospect surpasses our anticipations. It was thought by many, that we would suffer from the cold at an altitude of 2,500 feet above tide water, but although the past winter was the severest known for many years, it was the most comfortable one experienced in the history of the school. And now having tested the winter, we are enjoying the cool and delightful atmosphere of summer, and hundreds of visitors are resorting here for the same purpose.

The health of the children has been excellent, there having been no serious case of sickness during the year, and consequently no death.

The educational department has been maintained with great regularity, and with a good degree of thoroughness. During the year, from the 1st of June, 1874, to June 1, 1875, there have been discharged on age, order and transfer, thirty-nine, and admitted, forty-seven, thus showing a change of nearly one-third of the school. A large proportion of those admitted are young, and consequently in the lower grades, whilst nearly all of those discharged have been from the higher grades. This change makes a marked difference in the educational standing of the school.

The change of location has afforded ample opportunity for the development of the industrial feature of the school. There is no lack of work of great variety and of useful kinds. The regular and entire employment of the details, in some useful way, is necessary for the success of the system.

Divine service is held every Sunday, at eleven o'clock A. M., at which a number of the neighbors around are usually present, together with the teachers and employes. This includes the usual church service, the discourse being especially adapted to the wants of the children. Sunday school is held in the afternoon at three o'clock. The day school exercises are opened every morning with the reading of the scriptures and prayer, and the day is closed with singing, repeating in concert the Apostle's creed and prayer, closing with the Lord's prayer which is repeated by the school. The moral and religious influence thus exerted cannot but have good results. Of the twenty-eight that have been discharged on age during the year not one as far as has been ascertained has been unmindful of the moral lessons received.

The school this year will undergo an entire change in the teaching force. Mr. J. F. Dively who has been our efficient principal teacher for four years, retires from the work for a season to rest, and the assistant for various reasons also discontinues for the present. Were this change to be followed by others entirely inexperienced in the peculiar work of Soldiers' Orphan schools, the result would no doubt be unfavorable, but their places will be supplied by others who have had large experience in other schools of this character.

The clothing of the children is one of the most important duties connected with the management of these schools. That it is more difficult for some schools to clothe the children on the amount appropriated than for others is self-evident. Here opportunity for wear and tear is great. Our boundaries are not limited to a small enclosure of a few square rods of smooth grounds, but cover 360 acres of mountain land with hundreds of chestnut trees in full view, which in the fall are covered with open burs exposing the brown nuts and tempting a climb and a shake. Though the boys are enjoined not to climb yet the rents in their pants too plainly show the exhortation unheeded. With nearly three hundred dollars of expense beyond the State allowance the clothing wants are fully met. But what is lost in cloth is more than made up in muscle and health. With gratitude to Him by whose hand we have been guided during the past year, we enter upon another year full of hope and promise that the work so auspiciously begun and so successfully carried forward, will in the end be crowned with the richest results.

WHITE HALL.—J. DUM, *Principal*.

A number of changes have taken place in the school since the last annual report was submitted to the department, the first of which was the resignation of the late principal Captain Moore upon the first of March last, after having filled that important and trying position for seven years in a very creditable and satisfactory manner.

Prof. C. C. Hughes, who for nearly seven years has been the principal teacher, also resigned his situation to seek rest from the constant toil and care which were rapidly undermining his once robust constitution.

Prof. A. G. Owen, of Allegheny College succeeds Prof. Hughes as principal teacher and thus far has filled the vacancy with success.

Mrs. Rea also takes the place of Mrs. Grabill as matron.

Lessons in all cases are required to be well learned and thoroughly understood by each member of the class, and nothing is ever passed over until it is completely mastered.

Every pupil is required to spend an hour in the study of the scriptures each Sabbath forenoon; in the afternoon a portion of the pupils attend church in charge of some of the teachers or employees when the weather is suitable; regular prayer meetings are held in the study hall Sabbath evenings, at which all the pupils are expected to be present. Clergymen of different denominations are engaged to preach as often as possible, and several temperance meetings have been held in the school, nearly all the larger boys having signed the pledge. Everything of an immoral nature is carefully guarded against.

The boys do the work of the farm and garden under the direction of the farmer who is a man of experience, and decidedly the right man in the right place.

The commissary department is under the exclusive control of Mr. Amos Smith, who has filled this position and general manager of the farming, for the last seven years.

In conclusion I would say, that upon assuming control of the institution, it was my resolve to give my personal attention to the school; devote my whole time to the oversight and management of its affairs; to leave nothing undone, and spare neither labor nor expense, in my efforts to do all for the fatherless under my care that can be done, in order that when my labors in this capacity close, I can honestly and conscientiously feel that I have done my whole duty.

A LIST OF "SIXTEENERS,"

IN THE YEAR ENDING MAY, 31, 1875.

Below will be found a list of the children who arrived at the age of sixteen during the past year and were discharged. There is no better way in which the system could exhibit its fruits :

ANDERSONBURG.

Mollie Aikens, domestic service, Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Sophia Aikens, Hollidaysburg, Pa.
Nathaniel Evans, clerking in store, Altoona, Pa.
William N. Foose, at school, Elliottsburg, Pa.
Joseph Foster, Johnstown, Pa.
Emory Hipple, laborer, Grier's Point, Perry county, Pa.
James Kephart, farmer, Roaring Spring, Blair county, Pa., \$8 per month.
Mary I. Long, domestic service, Newry, Blair county, Pa.
James M'Donald.
Rebecca Mulhollen, domestic service, Wilmore, Cambria county, Pa.
Nancy M'Clure, at home with mother, Doylestown, Pa.
John W. Stuart, attending Millersville Normal school.
Samuel Shearer, laborer, Elliottsburg, Perry county, Pa.
William Stanford, Spring Run, Franklin county, Pa.
Daniel Thomas, shoemaking, Clover Creek, Huntingdon county, Pa.
Maggie Woodburn, attending Millersville Normal school.

BRIDGEWATER.

Annic R. Anderson, with aunt, Philadelphia, Pa.
David C. Wilson, laborer, Lancaster, Pa., \$1 75 per day.
Maggie M. Jones, housework, Mercersburg, Pa.
Juliana Johnson, with mother, Philadelphia, Pa.
Nathaniel Bacon, with doctor, in Philadelphia, Pa., \$2 per week and board.
Sarah Jane Scott, with mother, Chambersburg, Pa.
Emma Thompson.
Christian Mullen, Hampton Normal school, Va.
Samuel O. Davis, at home, Milton, Pa.
Wilmer Gover, at home, West Chester, Pa.
Reverdy Bowden, waiter at hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.

Douglas Bowden, waiter at hotel, Philadelphia, Pa.
William Peterson, learning carpenter trade.
Jacob Williams, in a carpet store, \$20 per month.
Albert Mason, attending school.
James Enty, on a farm, \$18 per month.
Andrew Robinson, on a farm, Bellefonte, Pa.
Eli Bowser, laborer, Milton, Pa.

CHESTER SPRINGS.

Hartman Naylor, teaching school, Delaware county, \$50 per month.
Laura Hanley, learning trade, Pottsville, Pa.
Anna J. Cross, at home, Lancaster county, Pa.
Charles Heilman, learning trade.
Frank Bengless, in store, West Chester, Pa.
Lemuel Chappell, at home, Valley Forge, Pa.
Maggie Hunter, at home, Downingtown, Pa.
Peter J. Shoemaker.
Mary Flata, attending Normal school, West Chester, Pa.
William Martin, Hamburg, Pa.
John Foxhill, on farm, Chester county, Pa.
Mary Townsend, domestic service, Norristown, Pa.
Sarah Eames, learning trade, Weatherly, Pa.
Adam Konold, clerk, Allentown, Pa.
Luthania A. Trow, attending school, Pottsville, Pa.
Walter J. Parsons, Hamburg, Pa.
Estella M'Donald, with her mother, Philadelphia, Pa.
Laura B. Downey, working in cotton mill.
Joseph Henry, tinsmith.
Jesse P. Lebold, at home, Phoenixville, Pa.
Harry Miller, clerk, Allentown, Pa.
Elmer Riffert, Tremont, Pa.
John Sweetwood, on farm, Chester county, Pa.

DAYTON.

Phoebe J. Thompson, with her mother, Langlysville, Pa.
Minerva Gearhart, with her mother, Worthville, Pa.
Adda M. Fairbanks, with her mother, Punxsutawney, Pa.
Roland A. Bailey, farming in Ohio.
Martin L. Rupert, with his mother, Adams, Pa.

Chambers A. Waterson, with his mother, Kittanning, Pa.
Flora Harrison.
Lavina Souseman, with her mother, Worthville, Pa.
James M'Kelvy, with his mother, Kittanning, Pa.
Mary M. Nicholson.
Thomas C. Lucas, learning blacksmithing, Brookville, Pa.
Jacob S. Brown, farming, Armstrong county, Pa.
Robert F. Kuhns, attending school, Reedsburg, Pa.
Letitia Hays.
Lizzie Herwig, attending S. W. Normal school.
Horatio F. Harris, with his mother, Apollo, Pa.
Samuel A. Burford, farming, East Brady, Pa.
Richard Lloyd.
E. S. Adams.
Hetty E. Schriekengost, domestic service, Goheenville, Pa.
Nancy Jenkins, attending school, Punxsutawney, Pa.
Eoline M'Donald, teaching school, Indiana county, Pa.
Fennemore C. Roll, with his mother, Brookville, Pa.
Amos Cravenor, farming, West Newton, Pa.
Hugh H. Mathers, farming, Clarion county, Pa.
Wm. A. Kelly, messenger, Pittsburg, Pa.
John W. Girts.
Mathew Gamble, plastering, Indiana county, Pa.
Lorenzo Burns.
S. Ella Grecne, with her mother, Homer, Pa.
L. J. Brady, with her mother, Georgeville, Pa.
Charles B. Snyder.
W. J. Farster, with his mother, Blanket Hill, Pa.
H. W. Young, farming, Jefferson county, Pa.
Samuel Anthony, farming, Armstrong county, Pa.
Sarah M'Donald, attending school, Clarion, Pa.
Andrew Cochrane, farming, Jefferson county, Pa.
Margaret A. Dolby, with her mother, Clarion county, Pa.
Maggie A. Gates, domestic service, South Bend, Pa.
Effie E. Butler, with her mother, Broekwayville, Pa.
Jacob F. King, farming, Indiana county, Pa.
Cyrus E. Work, learning earpenter trade, Indiana county, Pa.

HARFORD.

Truman Whiting, working on farm, Unioudale, Pa.
Alicc Bitler, with her mother, Neseopeck, Pa.

Lizzie Woodward, with her mother, Washington, D. C.
 William Scott, clerk in store, Kingston, Pa.
 Draper Thomas, with his mother, Plymouth, Pa.
 Albert Tewksbury, farming, Brooklyn, Pa.
 Arminda Upright, with her mother, Damascus, Pa.
 Fannie Goodrich, lives with A. J. Seamens, Harford, Pa.
 Alfred Letts, works on farm, Shunk, Pa.
 Emery Hermans, works his mother's farm, Shunk, Pa.
 Lawrence Willis, clerk in store, Providence, Pa.
 Agnes Rehrig, with her mother, Plymouth, Pa.
 Lizzie Wass, with her mother, Moscow, Pa.
 Milo Gardner, works on farm, Lenox, Pa.
 Edward Hunsinger, works on farm, Canton, Pa.
 Hendrick Coonradt, Tunkannock, Pa.
 Grace Deuel, with her mother, Union, New York.
 Lizzie Sisty, with her mother, Nesquehoning, Pa.
 Filmore Aekerman, attending school, Harford, Pa.

LINCOLN INSTITUTION.

W. D. Wier, with Cresson & Smith, Machinists, \$6 per week.
 Robt. M'Meniman Eckey, clerk, P. G. Piper's silk house, \$5 per week.
 Clarence Hallowell, printer, \$6 per week.
 Ed. Nelson, clerk, Wm. Simpson & Sons, Philadelphia, \$6 per week.
 W. Williamson, apprentice, J. G. Brill & Co., car builders, \$5 per week.
 Joseph Martin, clerk, Hood, Bonbright & Co., dry goods, \$5 per week.
 Abe Crawley, clerk, Colloday, Trout & Co., notions, \$5 per week.
 William White, clerk, Phila., W. & B. R. R. Co., \$6 per week.
 Samuel Henderson, clerk, Adams Express company, \$4 per week.
 John M'Ginness, clerk, Wm. Simpson & Sons, \$6 per week.
 George Holt, apprentice, W. H. Harrison & Co., \$6 per week.
 Charles Schultz.
 William Lewis, in Adams Express company, \$3 75 per week.

MANSFIELD.

Erwin Butler, living with mother, Westfield, Pa.
 Wirt Vargason, living with mother, New Albany, Pa.
 James Watts, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
 Dewitt Burnham, attending orphan school, Mansfield, Pa.
 Orrison Howe.

Cinderella V. Fish, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
George W. Freeborn, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
Solomon W. Utter, living with mother, Mansfield, Pa.
Elnora Thompson, living with mother, Golden Hill, Pa.
Harriet Benson, living with mother.
Ida Chamberlain, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
Edwin Shepard, living with mother, Tioga, Pa.
James Hurd, living with mother, Gains, Pa.
Jacob M'Cann, living with mother, Coudersport, Pa.
John Divine, living with mother, Highland, Pa.
Agnes Vaninwegan, living with mother, Coudersport, Pa.
Clara Hulslander, living with mother, Mansfield, Pa.
Charles Rodebaugh, living with mother, Canton, Pa.
Samuel Corwin, living with mother, Knoxville, Pa.
Fannie A. Whipple, living with mother, Picture Rocks, Pa.
Fred. Ingham, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
Emma Clark, working in shirt factory, Albany, N. Y.
Henry Van Hosen, living with mother, Pike Mills, Pa.
Frank Snyder, living with mother, Rose Valley, Pa.
Adele Blanchard, attending Normal school, Mansfield, Pa.
Minnie Dickerson, living with mother, Tioga, Pa.
Mary S. Berry, living with mother, Stony Forks, Pa.
Effie Cornell, living with mother, Shunk, Pa.
Florence P. Tallada, living with mother, Meshoppen, Pa.
Edgar Taylor, living with mother, Elmira, New York.
William Thompson, living with mother, Roulette, Pa.
Henry W. Carpenter, living with mother, Oswayo, Pa.
Murray Vancise, clerking in a bank, Mansfield, Pa.
Francis K. Stull, living with mother, Williamsport, Pa.
Ida Stonecypher, living with guardian, Cogan Valley, Pa.
Alphonso Pierson, living with mother, Steamburg, New York.
Maria L. Hall, living with mother, Tioga, Pa.
Daniel Fessler, living with mother, Williamsport, Pa.
William M. Kinney, living with mother, Wyalusing, Pa.
Orson V. Smith, living with mother, Mansfield, Pa.

M'ALISTERVILLE.

Albert C. Wherry, at home with mother, Altoona, Pa.
Elizabeth Liddick, at home with mother, New Buffalo, Perry county, Pa.
George M. Rearick, Lewisburg, Pa.

Wilbert C. Heller, at home with mother, Thompsonstown, Pa.
Minnie Engle, at home with mother, Milroy, Pa.
Mary E. Davis, at home with mother, Milesburg, Pa.
John W. Aumiller, farming, Williamsport, Pa.
Ida B. Arnold, teaching school, Port Treverton, Pa.
Mary M. Stephenson, attending school, Bloomsburg, Pa.
John E. Rambler, clerk, M'Veytown, Pa.
Mary M'Manigal, dressmaker, Reedsville, Pa.
Mary E. Foran, at service, Philadelphia, Pa.
William Confer, at home with mother, Beech Creek, Pa.
William Clark, at home with mother, Filmore, Centre county, Pa.
Samuel Martin, farming, M'Alisterville, Pa.
George B. M'Clellan, at home with mother, Zion, Pa.
David Troxell, stone cutter, Williamsburg, Pa.
John L. Farmer, at home with mother, Mill Creek, Pa.
Amelia Saylor, with John Curtin, Bellefonte, Pa.
Mary C. Lucas, teaching school, Lock Haven, Pa.
William F. Miller, learning trade, Lewistown, Pa.
Lucy Boyd, attending school, Philadelphia, Pa.
Nora M. Bennett, at home with mother, Martha Furnace, Pa.
Mary C. Shaffer, at home with uncle, Lewistown, Pa.
Henry C. Milson, mining, Shamokin, Pa.
Dayton E. Jones, clerk, Ebensburg, Pa.
Benjamin F. Lang, at home with mother, Altoona, Pa.
Nancy E. Parchy, at home with mother, Strode's Mills, Mifflin county, Pa.
Howard Hunt, at home with mother, Lewistown, Pa.
James W. Gates, with grandmother, Loveville, Pa.
Ira Fry, farming, Ickesburg, Pa.
Clara B. Lucas, at home with mother, Millersburg, Pa.
Jonas L. Crissman, at home with mother, Williamsport, Pa.
John L. Hunt, learning trade, Huntersville, Pa.
Nora Daughenbaugh, at home with mother, Howard, Pa.
Ellie Kemmerling, attending Normal school, Indiana, Pa.

MERCER.

Ada E. Brown, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
Mary J. Thompson, at home with mother, Memphis, Butler county, Pa.
John Brindley, farming, Rural Valley, Armstrong county, Pa.
Clara A. Shaffer, teaching, East Sandy, Venango county, Pa.
Mary J. Stevenson, at home with mother, Annandale, Butler county, Pa.

Rosie Burwell, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Emma L. Glatzan, at home with mother, Fredonia, Mercer county, Pa.
 Charles Whitney, clerking in register's office, Mercer, Pa.
 Willis S. Beatty, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Ella Barr, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Samuel Holmes, farming, North's Mills, Mercer county, Pa.
 Ada Baker, at home with mother, Harrisville, Butler county, Pa.
 Curtis C. Fulton, at home with mother, Fertig, Venango county, Pa.
 Agnes Hodges, at home, Minneapolis, Minn.
 Lulu Quillin, with aunt, Harrisville, Pa.
 Maggie O. Perry, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 William W. Wood, in printing office, New Castle, Pa.
 Washington C. Weber, farming, Prospect, Butler county, Pa.
 Mary H. Rille, married to Robt. Jennings, Smethport, Pa.
 Sylvia A. Stevens, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Mary E. Crawford.
 Henry L. Crate, at home with mother, Dixonburg, Crawford county, Pa.
 John W. Reynolds, farming, Tamarac, Crawford county, Pa.
 Walter B. Milliken, in a cheese factory, Indiana, Pa.
 Emma B. Davis, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 James T. Stearns, in a stove factory, Pardo, Mercer county, Pa.
 Andrew Evans, farming, Sandy Lake, Mercer county, Pa.
 Dillon E. Farrell, farming, Lovell's Station, Erie county, Pa.
 Jennie Cox, attending Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.
 Frank W. George, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Annie Greggs, attending Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.
 William H. Grove, at home with mother, New Lebanon, Pa.
 Blanche V. Hanna, attending Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.
 Ada A. Steele, living with uncle, Reidsburg, Pa.
 Mary R. Kenne, attending Normal school, Edinboro', Pa.
 Willis I. Whitman, in a printing office, Meadville, Pa.
 Ada H. Whitlock, attending Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.
 William Swartzlander, farming, Harrisville, Pa.
 Robert Demmings, organ factory, North East, Pa.

MOUNT JOY.

Sallie Culp, attending State Normal school, Shippensburg, Pa.,
 Annie Billig, dressmaker, Hamburg, Pa.,
 Phares Hambright, clerk, Lancaster county, Pa., \$12 per month.
 John Freese, boatman, Port Clinton, Pa., \$15 per month.

Kate Horne, dressmaker, Lebanon, Pa.,
 Annie Meads, domestic service, Lancaster county, Pa., \$6 per month.
 George Barclay, iron works, Huntingdon county, Pa., \$30 per month.
 Sarah L. Burd, attending State Normal school, Bloomsburg, Pa.,
 William Goodhart, Reading Pa.,
 Fred. Miller, attending school, Lebanon, Pa.,
 William Stokes, farmer, York county, Pa., \$18 per month.
 Jacob Strawbridge, farmer, Lancaster county, Pa., \$18 per month.
 Andrew M'Cauley, attending school, Williamsburg, Pa.,
 Lizzie Simmers, married, Harrisburg, Pa.,
 Annie Brown, dressmaker, West Fairview.
 Ella Morgan, attending State Normal school, Shippensburg, Pa.,
 William Nutting, engineer, Danville, Pa., \$40 per month.
 Eva Martin, domestic service, Lancaster county, Pa., \$6 per month.
 George Brown, printer, Lancaster, Pa., \$12 per month.
 Ada Tollinger, home with mother, Lancaster county, Pa.,
 Agnes Grumbein, teacher, Lebanon, Pa., \$35 per month.
 Jacob Chillas, printer, Lancaster county, Pa., \$12 per month.
 Joseph Lennix, telegraph operator, Columbia, Pa.,
 James Pierce, home, Berwick, Pa.,
 Grace Raike, home with mother, Northumberland, Pa.,
 Richard Holl, reading law, Columbia, Pa., \$12 per month.
 Martha Beers, home with mother, Bedford county, Pa.,
 Mary Miller, home with mother, Harrisburg, Pa.,
 John Dennis, news agent, Strasburg, Pa.,
 Henry Enger, Harrisburg, Pa.,
 George Fitzgerald, brickmaker, Lancaster, Pa., \$30 per month.
 Henry Eshelman, plumber and gas fitter, Bloomsburg, Pa., \$15 per month,
 Maggie Millhouse, attending school, Sunbury, Pa.,
 Bella Johnson, with guardian, New Jersey.
 Sarah E. Weaver, domestic service, Lancaster county, \$6 per month.
 Emma Barford, with aunt, Philadelphia, Pa.,
 John Curran, attending State Normal school, Shippensburg, Pa.,
 Sarah Walker, attending State Normal school, Millersville, Pa.,
 Reuben Helner carpenter, Bethlehem, Pa., \$15 per month.
 Samuel Bailey, home, Montour county, Pa.,
 Lewis Hannum, blacksmith, Lancaster county, Pa., \$30 per month.
 Sarah E. Ray, with sister, Blair county, Pa.
 Thompson Lewis, Columbia county, Pa.
 John Eck, farmer, Iola, Columbia county, Pa., \$15 per month.
 William Kline, Northumberland county, Pa.

Blanche Miller, attending State Normal school, Shippensburg, Pa.
 Mary Conrad, home with mother, Luzerne county, Pa.

PHILLIPSBURG.

Ella Marquis, in cutlery, New Brighton, Pa., \$18 per month.
 Aquilla D. Meekins, learning trade, Pine Flats, Pa.
 Samuel J. Cunningham.
 John P. Fishel, going to school, Covode, Pa.
 John Reed, in a store, Mansfield, Allegheny county, Pa., \$25 per month.
 Isabella E. Brunner, with mother, Pittsburg, Pa.
 William H. Stevens, with grandmother, Allegheny City, Pa.
 Jennie Carney, with her mother, West Virginia.
 Margaret A. Burgess, attending Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.
 George Maynard, machinist, Allegheny City, Pa., \$22 per month.
 Thomas L. Shaffer, going to school, Willett, Ind.
 Eliza J. Menser, at home.
 Francis Little, farming.
 Martha A. Prentice, home with mother, Rochester, Pa.
 Effie B. Smith, attending Normal school, Indiana, Pa.
 Daniel E. Lowers, learning baking, Martin's Ferry, O., \$18 per month.
 James E. Cunningham, marble cutting, Pittsburg, Pa., \$20 per month.
 Sarah E. Jenkins, attending Normal school, Indiana, Pa.
 David J. M'Daniels, machinist, Beaver Falls, Pa., \$22 per month.
 Mary E. Cowan, mantua making, Cowansville, Pa.
 Martha E. Bittner, doing housework, Pittsburg, Pa., \$9 per month.
 Emily J. Baskins, going to school, Spartansburg, Pa.
 Anna Collins, with uncle, Dunbar, Pa.
 Cornelia A. Pinkerton, attending Normal school, Indiana, Pa.
 William H. Cole, clerking, Jamestown, N. Y., \$30 per month.
 Frederiek Hill, on railroad, Altoona, Pa. \$40 per month.
 J. John Bouch, Baldwin, Butler county, Pa.
 Henry Zerby, laborer, Allegheny, \$20 per month.

SOLDIERS' ORPHAN INSTITUTE.

Anna S. Brossius, Normal school, expects to teach, 4th near Race, Philadelphia.
 Eliza Hellmoth, in confectionary store, Bridesburg, Philadelphia, \$2 50 per week.

John W. Schofield, notion business, 21 Catharine street, Philadelphia.
 Anna Auner, with aunt, Ninth and Coates, Philadelphia.
 George W. Conover, fireman Pennsylvania railroad, 3229 Market street, Philadelphia, \$50 per month.
 Mary C. Fisher, attending State Normal school, Millersville, Pa.
 Robert Hanna, learning coach making, Leipsic, Delaware.
 William Hope, board of education, Frankford, Philadelphia.
 William Johnston, farming, Bellefonte, Pa.
 Benjamin F. Jones, learning a trade.
 Margaret Magonigal, married Mr. Filmore Williams, Camden, N. J.
 William H. Smith, laborer, Newark, N. J.
 Caroline Stewart, working in woolen mill, Twenty-second and Hamilton, Philadelphia.
 William Wethman, in furniture store, Ninth and Market, Philadelphia.
 Henry Willingmyer, cigarmaker, 2418 Philadelphia street, Philadelphia.
 John A. Willingmyer, learning sheet iron work, Sixth near Arch, Philadelphia.
 John H. O'Brien, farming, Glen Riddle, Pa.
 Hester Bentliff, general assistant in Northern Home, Philadelphia.
 Charles Arthur, learning a trade, Orange, N. J.
 Anna J. Ridgway, general assistant in Institution.
 William Gilliland, in furniture store, Ninth and Market, Philadelphia.
 Mary E. Wisner, with mother, Elizabeth, N. J.
 Edwin A. Nesbit, nurseryman, Bridgeton, N. J.
 George Stephenson, learning tinning, Broad and Market, Philadelphia.
 Anna L. Brandt, box making, 1812 S. Twelfth street, Philadelphia.
 Charles D. Ridgley, cooper trade, Philadelphia.
 William Thorn, farming, near Norristown, Pa.
 William H. Felton, attending school, 708 N. Twenty-fourth street, Philadelphia.
 John M. Rose, farming, near Bridgeton, N. J.
 Giles Hood.
 Anna Snyder, living with mother, Kylerstown, Pa.
 Benjamin F. Harrison, working in a mill, Manayunk, Pa.

UNIONTOWN.

George Devan, shoemaker, Monroe, Pa.
 Maggie M'Millin, teaching, Washington county, Pa.
 Alonzo Porter, Washington, Pa.
 Eliza Gamble, married, Brownsville, Pa.

Rachel Bryant, Uniontown, Pa.
William Grimes, farming, Uniontown, Pa.
Frank C. Breckenridge, attending school, Brownsville, Pa.
Edwin Pearson, miner, Scottdale, Pa.
Henry Devan, moulder, Pittsburg, Pa.
Leutelles Walker, farmer, Broad Ford, Pa.
Lucy Potter, at home, Good Intent, Washington county, Pa.
George Debolt, clerking, Masontown, West Virginia.
Charles L. Bail, Brownsville, Pa.
Mary E. Gray, domestic service, Pittsburg, Pa.
William H. Cheshure, farming near Pittsburg, Pa.
David L. Laughery, at home, East Liberty, Fayette county, Pa.
Louisa Malone, with friends, Sagamore, Pa.
Sarah G. Randall, at home, Pleasantville, Crawford county, Pa.
D. G. W. Maxwell, miner, Mt. Pleasant, Pa.
Thomas Alton, with guardian, Uniontown, Pa.
Annie Connelly, at home, Sagamore, Pa.
Joseph Haught, painter, Pittsburg, Pa.
Eliza J. Malarkey, with uncle, Tarentum, Pa.
John A. Hays, at home, Donegal, Pa.
Abbie M. Shubb, teaching, Titusville, Pa.
Sadie Jobes, at home, Jacob Creek, Pa.
Rachel J. Burns, in institution, Dunbar's Camp, Pa.
Jacob Gray, with uncle in Illinois.

WHITE HALL.

Peter Brocius, carpenter, Sunbury, Pa.
George Smith, West Fairview, Pa.
Ellen Shreffler, Gratztown, Pa.
John M. Edmiston, farmer, Mercersburg, Pa.
Mattie B. Hassel, at home, Fannetsburg, Pa.
Henry M. Michael, clerk, Harrisburg, Pa.
Charles W. Hilbert, farmer, Llewellyn, Pa.
Sarah J. Jarret, at home, Montgomery Station, Pa.
George A. Hornbraker, clerk, Mercersburg, Pa.
Mary A. G. Hogan, at home, Northumberland county, Pa.
John H. Reed, farmer, Dickenson, Pa.
Francis E. Spahr, cabinetmaker, Carlisle, Pa.
George W. Tovey, at home, Danville, Pa.
Jacob S. Durham, Delleville, Pa.

Hiram E. Stiles, Benton, Pa.
 Silas E. Marshall, Bedford, Pa.
 John W. Moser, West End, Pa.
 Margaret P. Barger, Mount Wolf, Pa.
 Ida J. Test, at home, Ettors, Pa.
 Leo L. Lemon, farmer, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
 Benjamin F. Heckert, farmer, Pillow, Pa.
 Jeremiah Heckert, farmer, Pillow, Pa.
 Charles F. Brown, Lock Haven, Pa.
 William F. Favinger, laborer, Delmatia, Pa.
 Lydia J. Ricedorf, teacher, Donnelly's Mills, Pa.
 Barton M. Sherbon, Mechanicsburg, Pa.
 William D. Calvert, laborer, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Hannah Jones, at home, Minersville, Pa.
 Clara E. Steele, at home, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Susanna C. Amsley, at home, Mercersburg, Pa.
 John M. Cleckner, clerk, Harrisburg, Pa.
 David H. Drewett, cigarmaker, Harrisburg, Pa.
 William E. Garverich, laborer, Harrisburg, Pa.
 Mary B. Rodebaugh, Williamsport, Pa.
 William G. Kleckner, Tamaqua, Pa.

CATHOLIC HOME.

Mary Fahey, with guardian, Tenth and Christian, Philadelphia
 Mary E. Davis, dressmaker, 1018 Lingo street, Philadelphia.
 Catharine O'Brien, in institution.

CHILDRENS' HOME, YORK.

Caroline Sharp, domestic service, York, Pa.,
 Leah Chapman, attending State Normal school, Shippensburg, Pa.,
 Mary C. Rarey, dressmaking, York, Pa.,

LOYSVILLE.

Emma Bruner, with guardian, Neff's Mills, Huntingdon county, Pa.,
 John W. Ebright, on a farm, Duncannon, Perry county, Pa.,
 William H. Glazier, teamster, \$15 per month.
 Charles P. Cauf, on a farm, Hixon, Jackson county, Wisconsin.

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John F. Schneider, clerk, M'Keesport, Pa., \$30 per month.

John W. Schearer, on a farm, Shermansdale, Perry county, Pa.,

Michael E. Sanders, teaching, Northumberland, Pa., \$40 per month.

Ida J. Young, attending Normal school, Philadelphia, Pa.,

ST. PAUL'S ORPHAN HOME.

Samuel H. George, teamster, Petrolia, Pa.,

Mary C. Grubs, at State Normal school, Sagamore, Pa.

Reuben N. Steel, farmer, Butler, Pa.

WOMELSDORF.

Annie M. Seitz, teaching, Phillipsburg, N. J.

William W. Force, Atlantic City, N. J.

Clara J. Ebert, domestic service, Ironton, Lehigh co., Pa.

Benjamin Conner.

APPENDIX.

I. ORPHAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY.

SCHOOLS,	No. of pupils..	PRINCIPAL,	POST OFFICE,	Extent of the grounds—acres.	HOW REACHED.
1 Andersonburg.....	101	Prof. Wm. H. Hall.....	Andersonburg, Perry co.....	24	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Newport; thence to Andersonburg by daily P. M.; stage, twenty-four miles.
2 Bridgewater.....	85	Prof. Jas. Stitzer.....	Bridgewater, Bucks co.....	13½	Via Market street horse cars to Third street; Third street horse cars to Kensington depot; Philadelphia and Trenton railroad to Scheneks.
3 Chester Springs.....	173	Mrs. E. H. Moore.....	Chester Springs, Chester co.....	40	Via Philadelphia and Reading railroad to Phoenixville; thence by Picking Valley railroad to Chester Springs.
4 Dayton.....	214	Prof. H. M. Candless.....	Dayton, Armstrong co.....	33	Via Allegheny Valley railroad to Kittanning, thence 22 miles to Dayton by stage; stage leaves every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, on arrival of mail train from Pittsburg.
5 Harford.....	137	Prof. H. S. Sweet.....	Harford, Susquehanna co.....	125	Via Delaware, Lackawanna and Western railroad from Scranton to Montrose station; thence to Harford, six miles, by stage daily morning and evening.
6 Industrial School.....	5	W. J. Power, Esq.....	Cathedral, Logan square, Phila..	1½	North-west corner Thirty-ninth and Pine streets. West Philadelphia; Darby Road passenger cars, or the Chestnut or Walnut street line.
7 Lincoln Institution.....	75	Rev. F. E. Pearson.....	308 South Eleventh st., Phila....	¾	Via Market street horse cars to Tenth street; Tenth st. horse cars to Ins.
8 Mansfield.....	220	Prof. F. A. Allen.....	Mansfield, Tioga co.....	25	Via Bessburg and Cornburg railroad, from Cornburg, N. Y., to Mansfield.
9 M'Alisterville.....	174	Prof. M. R. Beck.....	M'Alisterville, Juniata co.....	30	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Mifflin; thence 12 miles to M'Alisterville by stage every P. M., at about three o'clock.
10 Mercer.....	288	Geo. W. Wright.....	Mercer, Mercer co.....	45	Via Shenango and Allegheny Valley railroad, from Greenville to Mercer; and via New Castle and Franklin railroad.
11 Mount Joy.....	266	Prof. J. Kennedy.....	Mount Joy, Lancaster co.....	16	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Mount Joy.
12 Phillipsburg.....	196	Rev. W. G. Taylor, D. D.....	Water Cure, Beaver co.....	110	Via Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad to Rochester; cross the Ohio River by steam ferry and walk about one-half a mile.
13 Soldiers' Orphan Institute.....	259	A. Harshberger, M. D.....	Cor. 23d and Parish sts., Phila..	4½	Take Union street horse cars (Fairmount) on Ninth street, to corner of Twenty-third and Brown streets.
14 Uniontown.....	139	Rev. A. H. Waters.....	Uniontown, Fayette co.....	20	Via Pittsburg and Connellsville railroad from Pittsburg to Uniontown.
15 White Hall.....	215	John Dum, Esq.....	Camp Hill, Cumberland co.....	34	Via Cumberland Valley railroad to White Hall, and walk one mile.

ORPHAN SCHOOL DIRECTORY.—CONTINUED.

HOMES.	No. of pupils..	PERSONS TO BE ADDRESSED.	POST OFFICE.	Extent of the ground in acres.	HOW REACHED.
1 Catholic Home.....	4	W. J. Power, Esq.....	Cathedral, Logan sq., Phila....	1-5	Race street below Eighteenth, near Cathedral, Logan square; Race and Vine street cars.
2 Children's Home.....	14	Mrs. E. R. Gable.....	Lancaster.....	6	Via Pennsylvania railroad to Lancaster.
3 Children's Home.....	34	Samuel Small, Esq.....	York, York county.....	2	Via Northern Central railroad to York.
4 Church Home.....	15	Mrs. A. W. Stille.....	St. James' Place, West Phila....	$\frac{1}{2}$	Angora, West Chester and Philadelphia railroad depot. Chestnut and Thirty-first streets.
5 Educational Home.....	24	Miss Mary M'Henry...	1902 Chestnut st., Philadelphia..	6	Located Forty-ninth and Greenway avenue to Philadelphia; red or blue cars on Walnut street.
6 Loydsville Home.....	71	Rev. P. Willard.....	Loydsville, Perry county.....	33	Via Penn'a railroad to Newport; thence by daily P. M. stage, 14 miles.
7 Media Train Sch. For Minded	5	I. N. Kerlin, M. D.....	Media, Delaware county.....	100	West Chester and Philadelphia railroad, Greenwood station.
8 Orphan Farm School.....	1	Rev. W. A. Passavant.	Pittsburg.....	300	Pittsburg, Ft. Wayne and Chicago railroad to Rochester; thence 10 miles by stage, leaving at 2½ P. M. daily.
9 Orphan Home, Germantown...	3	J. W. Bennett.....	Germantown, Philadelphia.....	7	Railroad from Ninth and Green streets to Germantown; thence by street cars, or Fourth and Eighth Streets street cars, (yellow.)
10 Orphan Home, Rochester.....	4	Rev. W. A. Passavant.	Pittsburg.....	48	Pittsburg, Fort Wayne and Chicago railroad to Rochester
11 Orphan Home, Womelsdorf....	29	Rev. D. B. Albright....	Womelsdorf, Berks county.....	26	Philadelphia and Reading railroad to Womelsdorf.
12 St. John's Orphan Asylum....	1	W. J. Power, Esq.....	Logan square, Philadelphia.....	13	Located on Lancaster avenue and Forty-eighth street, West Philadelphia; Vine street horse cars.
13 St. Paul's Orphan Home.....	20	Rev. J. B. Thompson...	Butler, Butler county.....	30	Via West Pennsylvania railroad or Allegheny Valley railroad to Freeport; thence to Butler by Butler Branch railroad.
14 St. Vincent's Asylum.....	2	John Keffler.....	831 North Second street, Phila....	3	Tacony, Market st. cars to Third st.; Third st. horse cars to Kensington depot; thence by Philadelphia and Trenton railroad, nine miles.

II. FORM FOR ORPHAN SCHOOLS.

APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, *Superintendent of destitute Orphans of deceased Soldiers and Sailors of the State of Pennsylvania:*

SIR:—I as.....of.....do hereby apply for an order for.....education and maintenance, in accordance with the provisions of the act, entitled “An Act to provide for the continuance of the education and maintenance of the destitute orphans of the deceased soldiers and sailors, and the destitute children of permanently disabled soldiers and sailors of the State,” approved April 9, A. D. 1867; and on condition of the granting of said order, and in consideration of the education and maintenance of the orphan above named, according to the plan adopted for carrying said act into effect, I do hereby resign and transfer to said Superintendent, and to his successors in office, the custody, care and control of said orphan, for said purpose, till.....arrival at the full age of sixteen years, with the full right to put or bind.....out on.....arrival at said age, for such employment or trade, to such employer or master, and during such term as said Superintendent shall then select, with the written assent of said orphan and of myself.

In furtherance whereof, I hereto append the following statement of facts in relation to said orphan, with my signature and affidavit thereto.

*.....[SEAL.]
.....P. O.

Witness present: †

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STATEMENT.

The above named.....was born on the.....day ofeighteen hundred.....; now resides in.....common school district,.....county, Pa.; is the.....of.....and.....is in destitute circumstances, being dependent for support on..... The father of this orphan was an actual resident of.....in the county of.....in the State, where, on.....day of.....186 , he.....in

*The mother or guardian must sign here

†Two, if mark is made.

company.....regiment.....and....in
the service of the United States, at.....in.....on the....
day of.....186 , being then in rank a.....

The said father was of the.....denomination in religion, and the
subscriber accordingly desires that his orphan shall be trained up in the
same creed and observances.

*.....[SEAL.]

.....Pa., ss:

Personally appeared before me,.....in and for said.....
the above subscribed.....who being duly.....does say
that the facts set forth in the foregoing statement are true to the best of
....knowledge and belief. In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my
hand and seal, this.....day of.....187

.....[SEAL.]

I do hereby certify on honor, that.....the father of the orphan
above named, was enlisted in company....., commanded by Captain
.....regiment, commanded by Colonel.....at.....
on the.....day of....., 186 , and that he continued to serve
well and faithfully until he†.....in the discharge of his duty,
on the.....day of....., 186 , at.....

.....
Late. Co.....Regt.

CERTIFICATE BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

.....COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT,
.....County Pa.

It is hereby certified, that the foregoing application and statement were
duly laid before the board of directors of the above named district, and
having been carefully examined, are found to be true and correct, as far as
the facts are known to this board. The orphan therein named is accord-
ingly recommended as a proper person for education and maintenance, under
the provisions of the laws on the subject. This orphan reads well in....
reader, is....developed physically, and in.....health.

Signed and attested, by order of the board, this....day of.....187..

.....President:

.....Secretary.

*The mother or guardian must sign here.

†If the father died after being discharged, the certificate of a regular physician, cer-
tifying under oath, that, in his opinion, the father died of disease contracted in the
service, must accompany the application.

CERTIFICATE OF SUPERINTENDING COMMITTEE.

It is hereby certified, that the facts set forth in the foregoing application and statement are true and correct, so far as the same are known to this committee. The orphan therein named is therefore recommended for admission to the proper school for more.....pupils.
.....*County.*

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Chn. of Supt. Com..... County.

NOTE.—If the mother has re-married, this application must be executed by a guardian.

APPLICATION FOR DISCHARGE.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, *Superintendent*:

SIR:—I, the.....of.....do hereby make application for h.. discharge from the custody, care and control which you now possess by virtue of the act, entitled “An Act to provide for the continuance of the education and maintenance of the destitute orphans of the deceased soldiers and sailors, and the destitute children of permanently disabled soldiers and sailors of the State,” approved April 9, 1867, in furtherance whereof, I hereto append the following statement of facts, with signature and affidavit thereto:

STATEMENT.

The above named.....was born on the.....day of.....18.. and was a resident of.....county, State of Pennsylvania, where application for admission to school was made, and is at this time a pupil in the.....

And I further declare that my reasons for asking for the discharge of said child are

And further, that I now have in my possession ample means for h..... education and maintenance.

.....and subscribed before me, }	.....
this.....day of.....187 }	.....<i>P. O.</i>
.....	.....<i>County, Pa.</i>

CERTIFICATE BY SCHOOL DIRECTORS.

.....*Common School District.*

.....*County, Pennsylvania.*

It is hereby certified, that the foregoing application and statement were duly laid before the board of directors of the above named district, and

having been carefully examined, are found to be true and correct, as far as the facts are known to this board. The orphan therein named is accordingly recommended for discharge, under the provisions of the laws on the subject.

Signed and attested, by order of the board, this....day of.....187

....., *President.*

....., *Secretary.*

FORM OF AFFIDAVIT.

.....
Pennsylvania, } ss :

Personally appeared before me, of
, who being duly according
 to law, doth depose and say that the annexed bill is correct, and that the
 prices charged are those agreed upon by contract with the State and no
 more; that no commission, abatement or allowance has been or is to be
 made to any party to the contract; that the children charged for were
 actually present and in school during the time charged for, except when
 absent at regular vacations, on physician's certificate of disability, without
 leave not exceeding thirty days, of which absence the State Superintendent
 has been duly informed, or by order of the State Superintendent; and that
 when absent without leave they were returned at the expense of the insti-
 tution, in the shortest possible time; and that the Superintendent of Sold-
 iers' Orphan Schools has no pecuniary interest in the soldiers' orphan
 school of which I am the principal or manager, for the period covered by
 the annexed account against the State; and further deponent saith not.

..... and subscribed before me, }
 this day of 18 }

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A NORMAL SCHOOL, NO. 1.

TO J. P. WICKERSHAM, *Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools:*

SIR:—I,, having been honorably discharged
, 187 , from the Soldiers' Orphan school at
, at the age of sixteen years, and desiring to become a teacher
 in the common schools of the State, hereby make application for admis-
 sion into the State Normal school at, Pa.,
 under the provisions made by law for that purpose. If admitted, I pledge
 myself to obey the regulations of the school, and to pursue my studies with
 diligence.

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

RECOMMENDATION.

The undersigned, Principal of the Soldiers' Orphan school at
, hereby recommends,
 whose post office address is, for admission
 into a State Normal school, believing that disposition and talents
 specially fit for a teacher.

.....
Principal.

FORM OF APPLICATION FOR ADMISSION TO A NORMAL SCHOOL, NO. 2.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM, *Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools*:

SIR:—I,, whose post office address is
, having attended the State Normal school
, under your order, for the term of
 weeks, ending 187 , hereby make
 application for admission during a second term.

....., 187 .

RECOMMENDATION.

The undersigned, Principal of the State Normal school at
, hereby certifies that
 was, while under his charge, diligent in study,
 and correct in deportment; and that possesses those natural
 and acquired qualifications which in a special manner fit for a
 teacher.

.....
Principal.

....., 187 .

ORDER OF ADMISSION TO A NORMAL SCHOOL.

To, *Principal State Normal School*:

....., Pa.

Please admit a soldiers' orphan, into your
 school to be boarded, instructed and furnished with text-books, according
 to contract, for one year from date of entrance, unless removed by my
 order. As soon as the orphan shall have been admitted, you will be kind
 enough to inform me, by letter, stating the date of admission.

The design of sending this orphan to a Normal school is, that
 may be fully prepared to teach in the common schools of the State, and
 you will therefore adopt such a course of study and discipline for.....
 as in your judgment will best conduce to that end.

Yours respectfully,

..... *Superintendent.*

HARRISBURG, PA..... 187 .

DIPLOMA FOR SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.

The following is the form adopted for diplomas to soldiers' orphans :

PENNSYLVANIA PROVIDES FOR HER SOLDIERS' ORPHANS.



This Diploma

Is to Certify, That....., of
 who died in the service of his Country during the War of the Rebellion, entered the Soldiers' Orphan
 at, under the authority of the State,
, 18....., and left it 18....., at the age of sixteen years, having
 studied diligently during that time, and borne a good moral character.
 In testimony whereof, the State Superintendent and Principal and Teachers of said Soldiers' Orphan
 have hereunto affixed their names this day of
 18......

State Superintendent. Teachers.

Principal.

(Form No. 1.)

NORMAL SCHOOL REPORT AND RECEIPT ON ACCOUNT.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL,

....., Pa.,.....187

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR:—The following soldiers' orphans were admitted into this school, by your order, for the term beginning187 , at the dates set opposite their names respectively, and are being instructed and cared for as provided by law, and by contract with your Department:

NAMES.	DATES.	NAMES.	DATES.
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.....

.....
Principal.

RECEIPT.

Received, 187 , of J. P. Wickersham, Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, the sum of on account, being an advance payment of one-half the amount charged for the term, at the rate of three dollars (\$3 00) per week, for the tuition, boarding and text-books furnished the soldiers' orphans above named, under the provisions of an act approved.....187 .

.....
Principal.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

(Form No. 2.)

NORMAL SCHOOL REPORT AND RECEIPT IN FULL.

STATE NORMAL SCHOOL, }
 Pa., , 187 . }

J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools :

SIR :—The following is the account of the soldiers' orphans who have at-
 tended this school by your order, during the term ending.....187

No.	Name.	Date of en- trance.	Date of leaving.	No. of weeks.	Am't charged per week.		Total.	
					\$	Cts.	\$	Cts.
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Total amount..... \$

Received on account.....

Amount due.....

RECEIPT.

Received....., 187 , of J. P. Wickersham, Superinten-
 dent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools, the sum ofin full for
 the tuition, boarding and text-books furnished the soldiers' orphans above
 named, under the provisions of an act approved..... 187

.....

Principal.

III. REPORTS.

WEEKLY REPORT.

.....*Soldiers' Orphan*.....
187

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent S. O. Schools:

SIR:--The following report is submitted for the week ending.....187

Number on roll as per last report		
Number admitted on order.....		
.....		
Number admitted on transfer.....		
.....		
Total.....		
Number discharged on age.....		
.....		
Number discharged on order.....		
.....		
Number discharged on transfer.....		
.....		
Deaths.....		
Total on roll.....		
Number absent with leave.....		
.....		
Number absent without leave.....		
.....		
Number present, males....., female....., total.....		

NOTE.—The blanks to be filled in all cases with names and dates.

.....
Principal

QUARTERLY REPORT.

.....Soldiers' Orphan.....
.....187

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools :

SIR :—The following report is submitted for the quarter ending187

I. Statistical Summary.		
Number admitted from commencement on order.....		
Number admitted from commencement on transfer.....		
Total.....		
Number discharged from commencement on age.....		
Number discharged from commencement on transfer.....		
Number discharged from commencement on order.....		
Deaths.....		
Total.....		
Number remaining on roll.....187		
II. Quarterly Report.		
Number on roll as per last quarterly report.....		
Number admitted on order.....		
Number admitted on transfer.....		
Total.....		
Number discharged on age.....		
Number discharged on order.....		
Number discharged on transfer.....		
Deaths.....		
Number remaining on roll.....187		
Number absent with leave.....		
Number absent without leave.....		
Number present, males....., females.. ..., total.....		

NOTE.—Accompanying this report there must be sent, on sheets the same size as this form, a report from the physician of the institution, and lists as follows :

- 1. List of children discharged, with dates and causes.
- 2. List of children transferred, with dates.
- 3. List of deaths, with dates and diseases causing the same.
- 4. List of children admitted, with dates.
- 5. List of absentees, with the date of leaving school and returning and cause of absence.
- 6. List of teachers.
- 7. List of employees.
- 8. List of notable visitors.

The Superintendent will also be thankful for any additional information that may be calculated to increase his knowledge of the condition and working of the institution.

.....Principal.

REPORT OF OUT-DOOR RELIEF.

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,187

Superintendent Orphan Schools :

SIR:—I,.....trustee of.....
a soldiers' orphan child, hereby present the following report for the past
six months :

Age of child.....

Whole amount of money received from the State on his account . _____

Amount received at the last payment..... _____

How the last amount received was expended :.....

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.....

How the child has been employed during the last six months :

.....
Length of time he has attended school during the last six months.....

.....,

Trustee.

RECEIVED....., 187 , of J. P. WICKERSHAM, Superin-
tendent of Soldiers' Orphan Schools,.....dollars, for relief of
....., a soldiers' orphan in destitute circum-
stances, for the six months ending.....187

.....,

Trustee.

INSPECTION REPORT.

..... 187

To J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

SIR :—The following is the report of my inspection of the.....

....., made 187

GROUNDS.

Extent.....
 Condition of grounds and sur-
 roundings.....

BUILDINGS.

Condition as to repair,
 Condition as to } Culinary dep't
 cleanliness: } Schoolrooms,
 } Dormitories..
 Adaptation to the purpose.....

FURNITURE.

General condition of furniture,
 Condition of beds and bedding,
 Condition of tables and table fur-
 niture.....
 Condition of school furniture..

CHILDREN.

Number of children present....
 Condition as to health.....
 Condition as to cleanliness....
 Condition as to morals.....

FOOD.

Condition of the food.....

CLOTHING.

Condition as to quantity.....
 Condition as to quality.....

THE SCHOOL.

Number of teachers.....
 Character of the teaching.....
 Advancement of the pupils....
 Discipline.....

Reading: } No. of books in
 } library.....
 } No. of periodi-
 } cals taken...

INDUSTRIAL FACILITIES.

Number of Employees,
 Condition of the indus- } Boys',
 tries: } Girls',

MORAL AND RELIGIOUS ADVANTAGES.

Moral and religious condition of
the institution.....

THE INSTITUTION AS A WHOLE.

Condition of the institution as a
whole.....

IMPROVEMENT SINCE PREVIOUS VISIT.

Degree of progress in improve-
ment.....

MISCELLANEOUS REMARKS.

.....,
Inspector S. O. Schools.

INSTRUCTIONS TO INSPECTORS.

1. Except where positive results are required, the inspectors will fill up the blanks with the numbers, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, meaning, respectively, *very good, good, tolerably good, middling, rather poor, poor, very poor.*

2. The inspectors are directed to point out, on the spot, to the authorities of the several institutions, what they may think requires amendment, and insist upon the needed changes.

3. Details which cannot be properly expressed in the report should be promptly communicated to the Superintendent, either in person or by letter.

IV. OFFICIAL CIRCULARS.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 1.

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, ORPHAN SCHOOLS, }
HARRISBURG, June 1, 1871. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

By an act of the Legislature, approved May 27, 1871, the undersigned has been entrusted with the supervision of the soldiers' orphans of the Commonwealth, with whom, from the present date, all official business appertaining thereto must be transacted.

While this delicate trust has not been sought, coming, as it is believed it does, with the good will of all concerned, it is assumed with a full sense of its importance, and the most sincere desire to administer it in such a way as to secure the orphans of our dead heroes the greatest measure of good possible from a benefaction, which, in the breadth of its liberality, has no parallel in the history of this or any other country. In this noble work I hope to have the active and earnest co-operation of all concerned in the management of the trust, and the sympathy of the public.

The immediate attention of those interested is asked to the following special directions:

1. All clothing for the pupils in the several institutions will hereafter be furnished by the principals or managers of the same, subject, as to its kind, quality and quantity, to the control of the Superintendent. Accounts for clothing, when presented for settlement, must be accompanied by sworn statements as to their accuracy.

2. All clothing to be purchased for the quarter commencing with the date hereof, will be substantially the same, in kind, as heretofore. Such changes as it shall be found advisable to make, will be made known in time to carry them into effect at the beginning of the quarter, commencing September next.

3. All children now in the schools over sixteen years of age, and all others as soon as they reach that age, must be promptly discharged. No exception can be made, under the present law, in favor of those who have been in the schools a less time than two years.

4. The vacation for the present year will commence on Friday, July, 28, and continue until Friday, September, 8. The annual examination at the several schools will take place during the two or three weeks preceding the vacation.

5. A meeting of principals, managers, inspectors and others interested in the Soldiers' Orphan schools will be called at an early day at Harrisburg.

6. The Superintendent expects to be able to visit every institution in the State in which there are Soldiers' orphans under instruction before the coming vacation. Having prepared, in 1864, at the request of Governor Curtin, the original plan for the education and maintenance of soldiers' orphans, after which, in their main features, all subsequent plans have been modeled, he feels not only a formal or public, but a deep personal interest in the success of the system, and will do all in his power to promote it.

J. P. WICKERSHAM.

Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, NO. 2.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS. }

HARRISBURG, June 27, 1871. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes :

The present school year will end on Friday the 28th, of July.

The annual examinations will take place at the several schools and homes during the two or three weeks preceding that date. Each examination may continue as many days as those directly controlling it shall deem advisable, but the time of holding the examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The examinations will be conducted mainly by the principals or superintendents and teachers of the respective schools and homes, who, at their close, will report to this Department, in the form prescribed, the names of the pupils in the different grades and in each class of the same, and the relative standing of each pupil.

For the purpose of witnessing, to the greatest practicable extent, the examinations, and learning the degree of faithfulness with which the work of instruction has been carried on, representatives from this Department will be present at the several institutions on certain days, as follows :

THE SUPERINTENDENT.

At Childrens' Home, Lancaster, Monday morning, July 17.

At Northern Home, Twenty-third and Brown streets, Philadelphia, Tuesday, July 18.

At Lincoln Institution, 308, South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 19.

At Church Home, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 19.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county. Thursday, July 20.

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Saturday, July, 22.

At Mt. Joy, Lancaster county, Monday afternoon and evening, July 24,
While in Philadelphia, the Superintendent will also make brief visits to
the other institutions in which there are soldiers' orphans.

INSPECTOR REV. C. CORNFORTH.

At P. and A. Orphan Asylum, Allegheny city, Tuesday, July 18.

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Wednesday, July 19.

At Episcopal Church Home, Lawrenceville, Thursday, July 20.

At Home for Friendless, Allegheny city, Thursday, July 20.

At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Friday, July 21.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Monday, July 24.

At Mercer, Mercer county, Wednesday, July 26.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Thursday, July 27.

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Friday, July 28.

JAMES L. PAUL, ESQ., CHIEF CLERK ORPHANS' SCHOOL.

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Tuesday, July 25.

At Loysville, Perry county, Wednesday, July 26.

At York, York county, Thursday, July 27.

DEPUTY SUPERINTENDENT HOUCK.

At Womelsdorf, Berks county, Monday, July 24.

At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 25.

At Wilkesbarre, Luzerne county, Wednesday, July 26.

At Harford, Susquehanna county, Thursday, July 27.

REV. O. H. MILLER, SCHOOL DEPARTMENT.

At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Tuesday, July 25.

At M'Alisterville, Juniata county, Thursday, July 27.

SAMUEL GLENN, COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT, BUTLER COUNTY.

At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Tuesday, July 25.

The Superintendent will probably attend some of the examinations with Messrs. Houck, Miller and Paul. He has now arranged to be at White Hall and M'Alisterville.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency Governor Geary, and the several members of the Board of State Charities.

It is hereby recommended—

1st. That the examinations be so arranged at the different schools and homes as to close on the day the State authorities have appointed to be present.

2d. That the examination be public.

3d. That superintendents, directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors and citizens who are interested in the noble work of educating our orphan children, of the proper localities, be specially invited to attend and take part in the examinations.

4th. That every arrangement be made beforehand necessary to facilitate the examinations.

The regulations heretofore issued from this Department, concerning vacation, remain in force, and must be conformed to by all concerned.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 3.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
HARRISBURG, August 14, 1871. }

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Under the provisions of the appropriation bill of 1871, the amounts allowed the several institutions for the education and maintenance, including clothing, of soldiers' orphan children for the present year, are as follows:

To the institutions named below, \$150 will be allowed for each child above ten years of age, and \$115 for each child of less than that age, viz: Dayton, Phillipsburg, White Hall, Uniontown, Cassville, M'Alisterville, Mount Joy, Harford, Mansfield, Titusville, Chester Springs, Bridgewater, Emaus, Andersonburg, Mercer, Soldiers' Orphan Institute and Lincoln Institution.

To the several homes and asylums that have never received any appropriations from the State, \$100 will be allowed for each child of legal age.

To the several homes and asylums that have received, at any time, appropriations from the State, \$115 will be allowed for each child of legal age.

It will be seen upon examination that these allowances are in strict accordance with the act, and they cannot be departed from. The authorities of the several institutions must govern themselves accordingly in making out their bills.

A full account of all purchases for clothing must be kept, and also of all clothing issued to each child, but these accounts need not be presented to this Department for settlement until near the close of the year.

No bill will be approved and placed in the hands of the Auditor General for payment until the institution presenting it has on file all reports due the Department.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 4.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, *September 15, 1871.* }

To the Trustees of Soldiers' Orphans Receiving Partial Out-Door Relief:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following information and directions for managing your trust:

1. Under the appropriation act of 1871, no expense for orphan children receiving partial out-door relief, incurred prior to June 1, 1871, can be now paid without a special future appropriation. Such bills, however, remaining unsettled by the late administration, may be sent to this Department, where they will be filed to await the action of the Legislature.

2. Payments of this kind will be made hereafter on the first of September and the first of March, each for six months, the first six months ending December 1, and the second, June 1.

3. Before payments are made the Department will require the blanks in the prescribed form of report to be filled up and forwarded, accompanied with a receipted bill for the amount agreed upon.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 5.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, *September 15, 1871.* }

To the Principals and Managers of Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Your attention is respectfully called to the following directions:

I. CLOTHING.

1. *General Rules in Regard to Clothing.*—First, the clothing for the respective sexes must be uniform in each institution. Second, the boys' clothing must be *military* in style. Third, the clothing must be seasonable, good in kind, and sufficient in quantity for Sunday and every-day wear and for weekly changes.

2. *Kinds of Clothing.*—In the matter of the kinds of clothing, much is left to the judgment and taste of the authorities of the different schools and homes; but they are expected to provide their children with at least one suit in substantial conformity to the following suggestions:

For BOYS, a *West Point gray cadet suit*, consisting of *pants*, with black stripes down the sides; *jacket*, buttoned to the neck, American eagle or Pennsylvania State buttons; *cap*, gray, to match suit. Or, *dark navy blue*

suit, consisting of *pants* and *jacket*, made same as described in gray suit; cap, dark blue, to match suit. Or, *dark blue jacket* and *light Kersey pants*, made in military style, with *cap*, dark blue, to match suit.

For GIRLS, in winter, a *dress* of black alpaca-poplin, trimmed with blue or red; or alpaca-poplin, wine color, blue or plaid, trimmed with same material as quillings or bands; black cloth *coat*; winter *hat*. In summer, a *dress* of white drilling, pink calico, gingham or delaine; straw *hat*, neatly trimmed, and summer *sacque*.

3. *Price List for Making Clothing and Mending Shoes*.—Until further orders, the prices allowed for making clothing and mending shoes will be as follows:

FOR GIRLS.		FOR BOYS.	
Sunday dresses.....	60 cents.	Pants, winter.....	65 cents.
Every-day dresses.....	40 "	Jackets, winter.....	1 10 "
Chemises.....	15 "	Pants, summer, lined.....	40 "
Drawers.....	15 "	Pants, summer, unlined.....	30 "
Aprons, low.....	8 "	Jackets, summer, lined.....	50 "
Aprons, with bodies.....	16 "	Jackets, summer, unlined....	40 "
Skirts.....	20 "	Shirts, muslin.....	35 "
Skirts, with bodies.....	30 "	Shirts, woolen.....	30 "

FOR MENDING SHOES.

For pair of half-soles.....	60 cents.	For each patch.....	7 cents.
For pair of heel-taps.....	20 "	For each seam sewed.....	3 "
For each toe-tap.....	10 "		

No allowance will be made for mending clothing.

4. *Mode of Keeping Clothing Accounts*.—The authorities of the several schools will have to keep two clothing accounts: First, an INVOICE ACCOUNT, in which must be kept the amounts paid for clothing, and the transportation of clothing, together with the charges made for making clothing and mending shoes. Vouchers must be kept corresponding with the amounts paid out. These amounts, at the end of the year, must equal \$25 multiplied by the average number of children in the institution above ten years of age, *plus* \$19 16 multiplied by the average number of children below that age. Second, an ISSUE ROLL, in which each child is carefully charged with every article issued to him, and all the shoe mending he has had done. The issue roll must show that the *average* value of the clothing and mending of each child in the institution above ten years of age, for the year, is \$25; and of that for each child below ten years of age, it is \$19 16. Of the children above ten years of age, each child must receive at least twenty-one dollars (\$21) worth of clothing; and of those below ten years, each child must receive at least sixteen dollars (\$16) worth. Copies of the invoice account with vouchers and bills, and of the issue

rolls, must be forwarded to the department at the close of the last quarter of the year. These need not be in duplicate.

These directions, as to clothing, except so far as the general rules relating to it and the kinds suggested are concerned, have no reference to the homes which receive only \$100 and \$115 for the instruction and maintenance of each child. In their case, the children must be clothed subject to inspection, and no special accounts for clothing need be kept or rendered.

II. RULES RELATING TO CHARGES.

1. Children discharged or transferred may be charged for until they leave the institution.

2. No charge can be allowed for children until they actually enter the institution.

3. No allowances for pay can be made for children entering an institution without orders.

4. Children who are absent more than thirty days, either with or without leave, except at the regular vacations, are not to be charged for without the consent of the State Superintendent.

III. FOOD.

No regular bill of fare will be prescribed. All the schools and homes will certainly provide food for their children that is proper in variety, healthy in kind and sufficient in quantity, and nothing more is desired.

IV. SLEEPING APARTMENTS.

Care must be taken that the sleeping apartments are all *well ventilated* and *not over-crowded*. The beds and bedding must be clean and comfortable.

V. INDUSTRIES.

As soon as possible there should be organized in all the schools and homes some means of giving *systematic* employment, both in winter and summer, to the children during working hours. *Mere job or chore work does not furnish the required industrial discipline.* The work done will form a feature at the next annual examination.

VI. MILITARY TACTICS.

Drills in military tactics must be *systematically* kept up in all the institutions where there are boys over ten years of age. The boys in all the schools will be expected to be proficient in the "School of the Company" by the next examination.

VII. COURSE OF STUDY.

The *branches* now taught in the different grades will be continued, with the addition of object lessons in the first four grades, and grammar in the

eighth grade. The extent to which each branch shall be studied in the several grades is left to the teachers. Progress will be measured more by the proficiency of the pupils in the several branches, as exhibited to the inspectors and at the examination, than by the number of books or parts of books they have passed over. Due attention should be given to vocal music, the writing of original compositions and drawing.

VIII. INSTRUCTION.

The teachers employed should be skillful. Special attention should be paid to the manner of teaching the younger pupils. Above all, the children should be trained morally. They should live in a moral atmosphere. The example of noble Christian lives should be constantly before them. Every day should witness their rising to a higher moral plane. The end that should be kept constantly in view by all connected with the education of these soldiers' orphans, is to make them, not so much good scholars, as good citizens and good men and women.

I shall expect to learn very soon that a *well organized* Sabbath school has been established in connection with every school and home in the State where that good work has not been already done.

IX. REPORTS.

The Department will hereafter require reports as follows :

1. *Weekly and quarterly* reports, for which printed forms will be furnished.
2. An annual *instruction* report, similar to the one made the present year.
3. An annual *report in writing*, giving an account of the progress and improvement made during the year, and the sanitary, industrial, educational and moral condition of the institution, together with the history of individual children, so far as may be necessary, to show the character of the work done, and any additional information that it may be desirable to communicate. Abstracts of these reports will be printed in the annual report of the Department.

All reports due the Department from any institution must be on file in the form required before its bills are approved.

X. CHILDREN WHO HAVE LEFT SCHOOL.

The authorities of the different institutions are enjoined to use their best efforts to obtain suitable employment for the children leaving school at the age of sixteen, to keep up a correspondence with them, to bring them back to the institution at stated times ; in short to be fathers to the fatherless, that the noblest benefaction ever made by a Christian State may produce its richest fruit.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 6

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT, ORPHAN SCHOOLS, }
HARRISBURG, *March 11, 1872.* }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools:

1. Your bills for the current quarter, the last quarter of the present school year, must be accompanied with the required clothing accounts. These will consist, first, of an INVOICE ACCOUNT, presenting a full detailed statement of all purchases of clothing and all moneys paid out or charges made on account of clothing during the year. This statement should be plainly written on one side of sheets of foolscap paper. An inventory of the stock on hand should be appended. Second, of an ISSUE ROLL, in which each child is carefully charged, at their cost prices, with the articles he has received. Forms will be furnished for this purpose. In this connection attention is called to paragraph 4, of Circular No. 5.

2. The annual written and instruction reports now required from each institution must be on file here by the first of August. The written reports, if not exceeding in length three pages of the report of the Department, will be published in full. These reports should give brief accounts of the progress and improvement made during the year, and the sanitary, industrial, educational and moral condition of each institution, and any additional information that may be deemed desirable.

3. Each school will be expected to furnish, with the reports named above, as complete a list as it is practicable to prepare, of all children who have gone from it at the age of sixteen, and stating how they are now employed, in the manner of the partial lists contained in the last annual report of this Department.

4. All the schools will be visited and carefully inspected by both the inspectors during the current quarter, and no further bills from any one will be paid unless a paper, signed by these officers, shall be placed on file, certifying that it is in all respects in a satisfactory condition; or in the absence of such paper, unless by personal inspection, the Superintendent is convinced that the institution is managed in accordance with the requirements of law and the directions of this Department.

5. A beautiful diploma for the "sixteeners" is now being engraved, and, it is expected, will be ready for delivery in a few weeks.

6. The annual examinations at the several schools will take place this year about the usual time. Details will be made known in another circular.

J. P. WICKERSHAM.

Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 7.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, June 17, 1872. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 22, and continue till Monday, September 2, six weeks.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of the visitation of the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institutions.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this Department.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

The inspectors, Rev. C. Cornforth and Mrs. E. E. Hutter, will hold a special examination at the Lincoln Institution, 308 South Eleventh street, Philadelphia, on Wednesday, June 26.

EXAMINATIONS AT THE HOMES.

The inspectors will also visit the several homes, and examine the pupils as follows:

Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 27, A. M.

St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia, Thursday, June 27, P. M.

Industrial School, Philadelphia, Friday, June 28, A. M.

Church Home, Philadelphia, Friday, June 28, P. M.

Orphan Home, Germantown, Saturday, June 29, A. M.

St. Vincent Asylum, Tacony, Saturday, June 29, P. M.

Lancaster Home and St. James' Orphan Asylum, Lancaster, Monday, July 1.

York Home, York, Tuesday, July 2, A. M.

Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Allegheny, Wednesday, July 3.

St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Friday, July 5.

Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg, Saturday, July 6, A. M.

Home of the Friendless, Allegheny, Saturday, July 6, P. M.

The Superintendent will be at—

Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Friday, July 5.

EXAMINATIONS AT THE SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Wednesday, July 19.

At Loysville, Perry county, Wednesday evening and Thursday morning, July 10 and 11.

At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Friday, July 12.

At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Wednesday, July 17.

At Mereer, Mereer county, Friday, July 19.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Monday, July 8.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Wednesday, July 10.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Friday, July 12

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Tuesday, July 16.

At Harford, Susquehanna county, Thursday, July 18.

Wilkesbarre Home, Friday, July 19.

White Hall, Cumberland county, Saturday, July 20.

Deputy State Superintendent Houck will attend—

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Tuesday, July 16.

At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Philadelphia, Wednesday, July 17.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Thursday, July 18.

At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Friday, July 19.

Mr. J. N. Beistle, of the School Department, will attend--

At M'Alisterville, Juniata county, Thursday, July 18.

Several County Superintendents and other gentlemen not named will take part in the examinations.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will attend a number of the examinations, at the schools, and invitations to be present will be extended to His Excellency Governor Geary and the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite specially the presence of directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations will commence as nearly as practicable at 9 A. M., and 2 P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand, to prevent unnecessary delay.

The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

SPECIAL CIRCULAR.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, PA., May 9, 1872. }

.....
Principal S. O. School at..... :

DEAR SIR:—Under an act of the recent session of the Legislature, I propose to place, near the first of September next, about fifteen soldiers' orphans of proper age and qualifications in the State Normal school with the design of training them for teachers.

My purpose in writing is to ask you to make this fact as widely known among those who are or have been pupils at your school as may be practicable, and report to this Department from time to time, the names of such competent persons as may desire to avail themselves of the opportunity so generously offered them by the State of preparing for a noble profession. All names sent in should be accompanied with testimonials of scholarship, character and fitness.

The conditions on which pupils will be admitted into the Normal schools on this foundation, are the following :

1. They must be over sixteen years of age.
2. All their expenses for boarding, tuition and text-books will be paid. Any other expenses they must pay for themselves.
3. They must agree to remain at school for at least one year.
4. They must agree to be directed in their studies by the faculty of the school to which they are sent, and by this Department.

Very respectfully,

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 8.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, June 9, 1873. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes :

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 21, and continue till Monday, September 1, six weeks.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time

of holding each examination must be made to include the day of the visitation of the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institutions.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as last year, by the officers of the several schools and homes, and forwarded to this Department.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Special examinations have already been held by the Superintendent, at the Soldiers' Orphan Institute and the Lincoln Institution, Philadelphia.

EXAMINATION AT THE HOMES.

The inspector will visit the several Homes, and examine the pupils as follows:

Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Allegheny, Monday, June 16.

St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Tuesday, June 17.

Home of the Friendless, Allegheny, Wednesday, June 18, A. M.

Episcopal Church Home, Pittsburg, Wednesday, June 18, P. M.

York Home, York, Friday, June 20.

Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Monday, June 23, A. M.

St. John's Orphan Asylum, Philadelphia, Monday, June 23, P. M.

Industrial School, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 24, A. M.

Church Home, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 24, P. M.

Orphan Home, Germantown, Wednesday, June 25, A. M.

St. Vincent Asylum, Taeony, Wednesday, June 25, P. M.

The Superintendent will be at Lancaster Home, Lancaster, Monday, July 7, A. M.

Deputy Superintendent Houck will be at Orphan Home, Womelsdorf, Tuesday, July 8, A. M.

EXAMINATIONS AT THE SCHOOLS.

The Superintendent will attend—

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Tuesday, July 8, A. M.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Wednesday, July 9.

At M'Alisterville, Juniata county, Friday, July 11.

At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Thursday, July 17.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At Mercer, Mercer county, Tuesday, July 8.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Wednesday, July 9.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Friday, July 11.

At Cassville, Huntingdon county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Thursday, July 17.

At Loysville, Perry county, Friday, July 18.

Prof. Robert Curry, Assistant Deputy Superintendent, will attend—

At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Tuesday, July 15.

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Thursday, July 17.

Colonel James L. Paul, Chief Clerk, will attend—

At Wilkesbarre Home, Luzerne county, Tuesday, July 15, A. M.

At Harford, Susquehanna county, Wednesday, July 16.

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Friday, July 18.

Several county superintendents and other gentlemen not named will take part in the examinations.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will attend a number of the examinations at the schools, and invitations to be present will be extended to His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and Colonel Robert B. Beath, commander of the G. A. R., and the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature in the examinations. Drawing and copy books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public, and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite specially the presence of directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations will commence as nearly as practicable at 9 A. M. and 2 P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand, to prevent unnecessary delay.

The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM.

Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 9.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS,)
HARRISBURG, PA., April 8, 1874. }

*To the mothers, guardians and friends of the Soldiers' Orphans of the School
at Cassville.*

Herewith you will receive the furlough granted the children placed at your request in the school at Cassville. The school has been closed by legislative authority, and it has been thought best to allow the children who have been attending it, the privilege of visiting their homes and consulting with their friends before being transferred elsewhere. The State will see to the payment of the cost of travel in making the visit, for all who report promptly upon receiving the order of transfer, at the end of the time for which the furlough is granted.

The selection of schools in which these orphans may receive instruction for the remaining years until they shall be sixteen, the Superintendent will leave to your own choice, if expressed within two weeks after the receipt of this circular; but if you neglect to mention within the time named, a school to which you would prefer to have those under your care transferred, the one which is thought to be most convenient or suitable will be designated here and the transfer ordered.

Enclosed you will find a copy of the Orphan School Directory, which will furnish any needed information in regard to the location, principal, and mode of reaching the several institutions now in operation as Orphan Schools.

The Superintendent expects a ready and willing compliance with his directions by all concerned, giving in return the assurance that nothing will be left undone on his part to secure the future welfare of the children.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 10.

DEPARTMENT OF SCHOOLS, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
HARRISBURG, June 3, 1874. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphan Schools and Homes :

Vacation this year will commence on Monday, July 20, and continue till Tuesday, September 1, six weeks. All the children must return to school promptly at the end of the vacation, as a reduction will hereafter be made in the case of those who remain away even for a short time. The "thirty day rule" will no longer be applied to this class of absences.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The State officers, when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper ; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examination in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institution.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as they were last year, by the officers of the several schools and Homes, and forwarded to this Department.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Special examinations have already been held by Inspector Cornforth, at the Lincoln Institution, Educational Home for Boys, Church Home, Catholic Home, St. John's Orphan Asylum, Industrial School, Germantown Orphan Home and St. Vincent Asylum.

ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The Superintendent will attend :

At Harford Susquehanna county, Tuesday, July 7, A. M.

At Titusville, Crawford county, Thursday, July 9, A. M.

At Dayton, Armstrong county, Friday, July, 10, P. M., and a part of Saturday.

At Uniontown, Fayette county, Monday, July, 13, P. M., and a part of Tuesday.

At Phillipsburg, Beaver county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.

At Mercer, Mercer county, Thursday, July 16, A. M.

Inspector Cornforth will attend—

At York Home, York, Wednesday, June 10, A. M.

At Lancaster Home, Lancaster, Tuesday, June 16, A. M.

At Womelsdorf Home, Womelsdorf, Thursday, June 18, A. M.

At Pittsburg and Allegheny Orphan Asylum, Wednesday, June 24, A. M.

At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Thursday, June 25, P. M.

At Mansfield, Tioga county, Tuesday, July 7, A. M.

At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Philadelphia, Thursday, July 9, A. M.

At Bridgewater, Bucks county, Friday, July 10, A. M.

At Chester Springs, Chester county, Saturday, July 11, A. M.

At Mount Joy, Lancaster county, Monday, July 13, A. M.

At White Hall, Cumberland county, Tuesday, July 14, A. M.

At M'Alisterville, Juniata county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendent Houck will attend—

At Andersonburg, Perry county, Wednesday, July 15, A. M.

At Loysville, Perry county, Thursday, July 16, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendent Curry will assist the Superintendent at several examinations in the western part of the State. The county superintendents of the counties where the examinations are held will take part in them.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and members of the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite, specially, the presence of superintendents, directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

The examinations in the forenoon will commence as nearly as practicable at 9 A. M., and those in the afternoon at 2 P. M. Every arrangement should be made beforehand to prevent unnecessary delay. The regulations for vacation will be the same as heretofore.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 11.

DEPARTMENT OF SOLDIERS' ORPHAN SCHOOLS, }
 HARRISBURG, PA., Sept. 30, 1874. }

*To the Mothers, Guardians and Friends of the Soldiers' Orphans of the
 School at Titusville:*

The Titusville school has been closed. Another orphan school may be opened at Titusville, or the children recently at school there may be transferred to other places. In case of transfer, your wishes in respect to a school will be consulted, or if you have no choice in the matter, the school deemed most suitable or convenient will be selected. The children will not be kept out of school longer than is absolutely necessary to make arrangements for their proper accommodation. As soon as these shall be completed due notice will be given.

J. P. WICKERSHAM,
Superintendent.

OFFICIAL CIRCULAR, No. 12.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION, SOLDIERS' ORPHANS, }
 HARRISBURG, June 12, 1875. }

To the Principals and Managers of the Soldiers' Orphans Schools and Homes:

Vacation this year will commence on Friday, July 23d, and continue till Friday, September 3d, six weeks. All the children must return to school promptly at the end of the vacation, as a reduction will hereafter be made in the case of those who remain away even for a short time. The "thirty day rule" will no longer be applied to this class of absences.

The annual examinations at the several institutions may continue as many days as those directly controlling them shall deem advisable, but the time of holding each examination must be made to include the day of visitation by the State officers named below.

The State officers when present, will conduct the examinations, calling on such persons to assist them as they may deem proper; and it is hereby directed that, in general, they limit the examinations in the lower classes to some one branch of instruction, reserving most of the time for a more general examination of the higher classes, or the classes containing pupils soon to leave the institution.

The reports of the examinations will be made out as they were last year, by the officers of the several Schools and Homes, and forwarded to this Department.

SPECIAL EXAMINATIONS.

Special examinations will be held by the Inspectors as follows :

- At Orphans' Home, Rochester, Tuesday, June 15, P. M.
- At St. Paul's Orphan Home, Butler, Wednesday, June 16, A. M.
- At Children's Home, York, Monday, June 21, A. M.
- At Children's Home, Lancaster, Wednesday, June 23, A. M.
- At Orphans' Home, Germantown, Thursday, June 24, A. M.
- At Church Home, Angora, Thursday, June 24, P. M.
- At Industrial School, Philadelphia, Friday, June 25, A. M.
- At Educational Home for Boys, Philadelphia, June 25, P. M.
- At St. John's Asylum, Philadelphia, Saturday, June 26, A. M.
- At St. Vincent's Asylum, Tacony, Saturday, June 26, P. M.
- At Catholic Home, Philadelphia, Monday, June 28, P. M.
- At Lincoln Institution, Philadelphia, Tuesday, June 29, P. M.
- At Orphans' Home, Womelsdorf, Friday, July 2, A. M.

REGULAR ANNUAL EXAMINATIONS.

The Superintendent will attend :—

- At Bridgewater, Friday, July 9, A. M.
- At Soldiers' Orphan Institute, Saturday, July 10, A. M.
- At Mansfield, Tuesday, July 13, A. M.
- At Chester Springs, Friday, July 16, A. M.
- At White Hall, Tuesday, July 20, A. M.
- At M'Alisterville, Wednesday, July 21, A. M.
- At Mount Joy, Thursday, July 22, A. M.

Inspector Cornforth will attend :—

- At Andersonburg, Tuesday, July 6, A. M.
- At Loysville, Wednesday, July 7, A. M.
- At Harford, Saturday, July 10, A. M.
- At Mansfield, Tuesday, July 13, A. M.
- At Mercer, Thursday, July 15, A. M.
- At Phillipsburg, Friday, July 16, A. M.
- At Uniontown, Monday, July 19, A. M.
- At Dayton, Thursday, July 22, A. M.

Deputy State Superintendents Houck and Curry will assist at several examinations in different parts of the State. The county superintendents of the counties where the examinations are held will take part in them. Several Principals of State Normal Schools have promised to be present.

Mrs. E. E. Hutter, Lady Inspector, will be present at a number of the examinations, as will also, it is hoped, His Excellency, Governor Hartranft, and members of the Board of State Charities.

An exhibition of industrial skill and a military drill will form a feature of the examinations. Drawing and copy books should be ready for inspection.

The examinations will be, as heretofore, public ; and the authorities of the several schools are requested to invite, specially, the presence of superintendents, directors and teachers of common schools, members of superintending committees, soldiers, members of the Legislature, judges of the courts, clergymen, editors, and such other citizens of the several localities as have interested themselves in the work of educating our orphan children.

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J. P. WICKERSHAM,

Superintendent.

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